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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Protecting Workers

THE Workmen's Compensation Ordinance, given its first reading yesterday, is a piece of legislation which, at least in principle, will receive unqualified approval. If its preparation has been slow that has not been due to official slothfulness, but rather to painstaking care to ensure that its provisions are practicable and fair. Government has been both prudent and cautious; prudent in following as closely as local conditions will permit the English legislation and the model scheme advocated by the Colonial Office, and cautious in refraining from making the provisions of the Ordinance all-embracing. There is, for example, wisdom in the decision not to include occupational diseases in the legislation at the present moment, but to await the outcome of a comprehensive medical survey of industries in the Colony. Another controversial subject which is being left in abeyance is that of a compulsory employers' insurance scheme. The Bill as it stands is probably acceptable to all parties concerned. It regulates, rather than innovates for, as the Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs emphasised yesterday, voluntary workmen's compensation schemes have long been operated by the bigger industrial and commercial firms. The restricted definition of workmen who qualify for compensation under the Ordinance may not cause general satisfaction, and Mr. Hawkins' frank admission that he is under no illusions about the difficulties which will be encountered in administering the Bill, and that there will be "hard cases and many disappointed claimants" suggests that even Government has some misgivings about the measure in its present form. There is, apparently, to be a certain amount of trial by error, but this is not to be condemned if the lessons learned therefrom enable the legislation to be satisfactorily amended. The Ordinance is cautiously welcomed with the hope that its enforcement will produce desired results.

Better Outlook

THE informal and secret meetings which are now taking place in Cairo between Egyptian and British representatives appear to offer the best hope yet of an agreement being reached in the Anglo-Egyptian dispute. The outstanding differences at the present time seem to concern the number of British technicians who should remain in the Canal Zone, and in what circumstances the Base should be brought from a maintenance to an active status. These are not easy questions to solve to the satisfaction of both sides. Were Egypt to show readiness to enter a Middle East Defence Organisation similar in kind to NATO it would certainly be less awkward to reconcile Egyptian anxiety for prestige with British caution for security; both considerations would then be covered by international (instead of bilateral) obligations. As it is, Britain can disinterest herself neither from the possible neglect of the Base nor from the possible misuse of its warlike stores in Egyptian hands for a renewal of hostilities against Israel. The general desire is that the current informal meetings can lead to a complete reconciliation of viewpoints and the ultimate resolving of an embarrassing contretemps.

COLOMBO DISTURBANCES: SEVERAL PEOPLE KILLED



25-year-old Egyptian dancer, Dawlati Soliman, who left the Nile for Europe's night clubs and for whom claims were made that she was King Fawouk's favourite dancer—was dancing in a bar in Munich, Germany, when a gunman fired at her and wounded her in the shoulder. The gunman escaped.—London Express.

Rioters Cause Much Damage GOVT DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

Colombo, Aug. 12. Between ten and fifteen people died in violent demonstrations today against price rises, according to reports reaching here from all over Ceylon. Troops and police opened fire three times in Colombo and the Government declared a state of emergency. Mr Dudley Senanayake, the Prime Minister, said saboteurs had removed railway lines and in some cases destroyed trains and buses. He told the Lower House that arson had been reported throughout the day in the capital. The rioters had held up buses, disrupted telephone and telegraph communications and stoned public buildings, he said. "Unscrupulous political leaders," he said, "incited the troubles but the Government was determined to stamp out mob violence and maintain law and order." The demonstrators are protesting against increases in the price of rice and in rail fares and electricity and postal charges. A curfew was imposed from 6.30 p.m. (local time) today. A Government spokesman said the state of emergency and curfew would be effective for one month if the situation did not warrant their withdrawal.

CROWN OF MOUNTAIN SPLIT IN TWO BY EARTHQUAKE

Athens, Aug. 12. The crown of 5,341-foot Mount Aenos, on the earthquake-shattered island of Cephalonia, was seen splitting in two tonight. And, from a naval craft off the stricken Isle of Zante, went a radio message to the Greek Premier Marshal Papagos saying "Zakynthos, capital of Zante, does not exist any more". Across the Ionian islands, home of the early Greek heroes, lay a trail of wrecked or burning townships with at least 400 dead, 300 injured, and 3,000 homeless. The disaster was described as worse than the Corinth earthquake of 20 years ago. Commander Bulzo, member of Parliament for Zante, who was in a tank landing craft, said in his message to the Premier, that fires were raging in the debris of the island's capital, having broken out after this morning's shocks. Two towns on Cephalonia lie in ruins with the terror-stricken population living in tents. People in Patras on the mainland, 50 miles to the east, said the top of Mount Aenos was splitting in two. The British destroyer Durand, 2,610 tons, left Malta with medical supplies and stores for Cephalonia which is the biggest of the Ionian islands on the west of the Greek mainland. Helicopters flew to isolated villages to carry injured people to hospital. NIGHT OF HORROR Mr Constantin Adamopoulos, Minister of Health and Social Welfare, who went by military transport to Cephalonia, cabled to the Prime Minister, Field Marshal Alexander Papagos that the disaster was greater than the earthquake which destroyed Corinth 20 years ago. The population spent a night of horror. Ithaca, home of Homer's Odysseus, and Zante were other badly hit islands. A tidal wave swept in on the Ithaca capital, Vathy, where only 50 of the 2,000 houses remain standing. Two waves of earth tremors "backwash" of the Greek earthquakes, shook the South Italian port of Bari today but no damage was reported there. The two towns which the prefect of Cephalonia told the Government were "completely destroyed" were Argostoli (pop. 8,293) the chief town and Lixouri (pop. 4,843) second town. They are situated on the southwest coast of the island which has an area of 277 square miles and a total population of about 67,000. It is mountainous, rising to 5,300 feet and has a rugged coastline. There is little water but currants, wheat, olives and fruit are grown. Ithaca, mountainous island of 38 square miles, northeast of Cephalonia, has a population of 8,830. Vathy, the capital and port (population 3,285) is on the east coast. Ithaca produces olive oil, currants and wine, goats and sponges. It was reported from Santa Maura to the north that high columns of smoke could be seen along the Ithaca coast. The Cephalonian authorities today urgently appealed for boats to evacuate survivors. RESCUERS HAMPERED Officials said the damage on the island of Cephalonia was "incalculable." Rescue work was hampered by lack of water and electricity. Athens Observatory said 10 consecutive earthquakes rocked Ithaca and Cephalonia yesterday. Reports from there and the island of Zante described the situation today as "most serious." The villages of Sami and Agia Eklina on Cephalonia were destroyed and 150 bodies have been recovered. Argostoli prison collapsed. The prisoners, all serving heavy sentences, were marched to the village square under armed escort. A Navy landing craft left Patras tonight with a detachment of gendarmes to escort the prisoners to the mainland. The quake on Sunday killed three and injured 50 on Ithaca. New tremors hit the island today and signals from the mainland were not answered. Later today contact was re-established and the Gendarmes reported that houses left standing after the earlier shocks had been

TYPHOON LATEST HK Unlikely To Be Seriously Affected

The typhoon will not affect Hongkong seriously; but precautions should not be relaxed as yet, according to Royal Observatory. A statement issued by the Director, Mr G. S. P. Heywood at 10.30 this morning says: "The tropical storm in the China Sea was centred about 200 miles south-east of Hongkong at 9 a.m. today and was moving slowly westward. It is expected to pass at least 150 miles to the south of the Colony and it does not appear that it will affect Hongkong very seriously; but precautions should not be relaxed as yet. "A large number of weather reports have been received from ships in the China Sea and an RAF aircraft is carrying out a reconnaissance flight into the storm this morning." Last night nearly 130 of the ship's company of the cruiser, HMS Birmingham had to be accommodated ashore because their ship had to put to sea unexpectedly owing to the typhoon threat, while they were on shore leave. Later this morning the Royal Observatory stated that the typhoon is expected to pass at least 150 miles south of the Colony this afternoon. Strong easterly winds with rain are expected later in the day.

KASHMIR DISORDERS

Srinagar Aug. 12. State militia opened fire today on demonstrators shouting pro-Abdullah slogans and pelting stones in Anantnag town, 34 miles from here. Unconfirmed reports put the casualties at three. Three people were killed yesterday evening when police fired on a hostile crowd near Zaina Kadal, one of the seven bridges across the Jhelum River in this city, according to an official statement issued today. The city was quieter today but the outlying areas were organising resistance against the new Government of Bakshi Gulham Mohammed. Most shops remained closed. Because of the complete absence of native carriages the Government operated a bus service throughout the city. At his residence the new Premier held discussions with top national conference leaders with a view to completing his cabinet. This, it is thought, will have five ministers, including the Premier, and is expected to be announced in a day or two.—Reuters.

Mrs Pandit As UN President?

(From Donald Ludlow) New York, Aug. 12. Mrs Pandit, the Indian delegate, will almost certainly succeed Canada's Lester Pearson as President of the United Nations General Assembly when the eighth session opens on Sept. 15. American, which opposed her candidature as Secretary-General to follow Mr Trygve Lie and which for two years has been grooming Prince Wari Waidyapaksa for the presidential role, has now agreed to support her. Britain, too, it is understood, will vote for her. With these two powerful backers there is little doubt that Mrs Pandit will get a simple majority vote, which will be the first decision to be taken by the new Assembly. She is a 53-year-old widow and youngest sister of India's Premier. She was Indian Ambassador to Moscow from 1948 to 1950.—London Express Service.

France Heading Towards A General Strike

Paris, Aug. 12. France was tonight plunging headlong towards a general strike as Socialist and Communist trade unions, encouraged by the success of the state employees stoppage, began calling out sector after sector of private industry. The strike orders, most of them for 24 hours starting on Thursday, embraced shop workers, bank and stock exchange clerks, insurance office employees, metal and garment workers. Union representatives of printers, teletype operators and other newspaper workers, except journalists, were organising a strike ballot today. The great wave of stoppages originally launched to protest against the Government's new austerity programme was seen by political observers here as developing into a struggle between the state and the working class. Bus and underground train workers decided tonight to remain out for a further 24 hours. The authorities were working desperately together with private enterprises in cities and towns to ward off a complete national paralysis. In Paris and some provincial centres, where public transport came to a halt, army lorries, police vans and hired coaches were pressed into service. WITHOUT MAILS Police and troops were collecting and distributing mail in a few towns. But most of Paris went without a delivery for its seventh consecutive day. Some trains were running again, operated by railwaymen summoned back to their posts under threat of suspension. The service in general, however, was seriously crippled and thousands of French and foreign holiday makers were stranded far from home. Gas pressure was dropping and water supplies were endangered. Security services were maintaining essential electricity supplies, though cuts have already been made and many factories will have to close. The Force Ouvriere tonight ordered a 24-hour stoppage in all naval arsenals from Thursday. The Government was perturbed about the supply of foodstuffs to the big centres of population. Paris markets today received sufficient supplies but quantities were dropping and some prices rising.—Reuters. LANIEL'S STATEMENT Paris, Aug. 12. Premier Joseph Laniel, in a nationwide broadcast tonight, said the French Government could not give in to strike pressure and would not recall Parliament. "I say 'no' to the strike. I say 'no' to the pressure on the government," M. Laniel added. "But saying 'no' to the strike does not mean that we must

To Walk Across The Channel

London, Aug. 12. Ulick Wozniak, a 33-year-old Pole, will set out from Calais on Friday, August 14, to walk across the Channel to Dover. He will wear a pair of 8-foot skidoaks, which he has invented. They are equipped with large cork discs at the after ends. He reckons it will take him six or seven hours to cover the 22-mile stretch of water. Wozniak tried out his skidoaks on August 1, walking down the River Thames through the heart of London.—China Mail Special.

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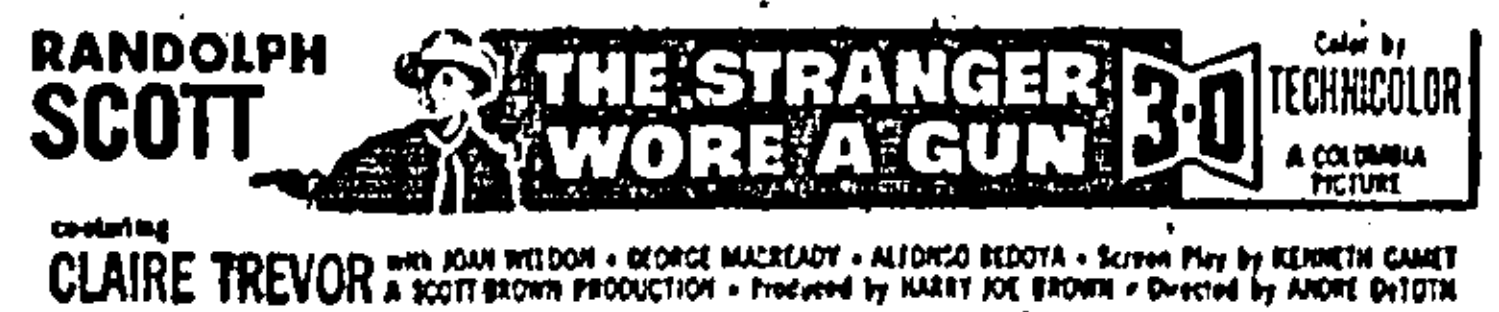
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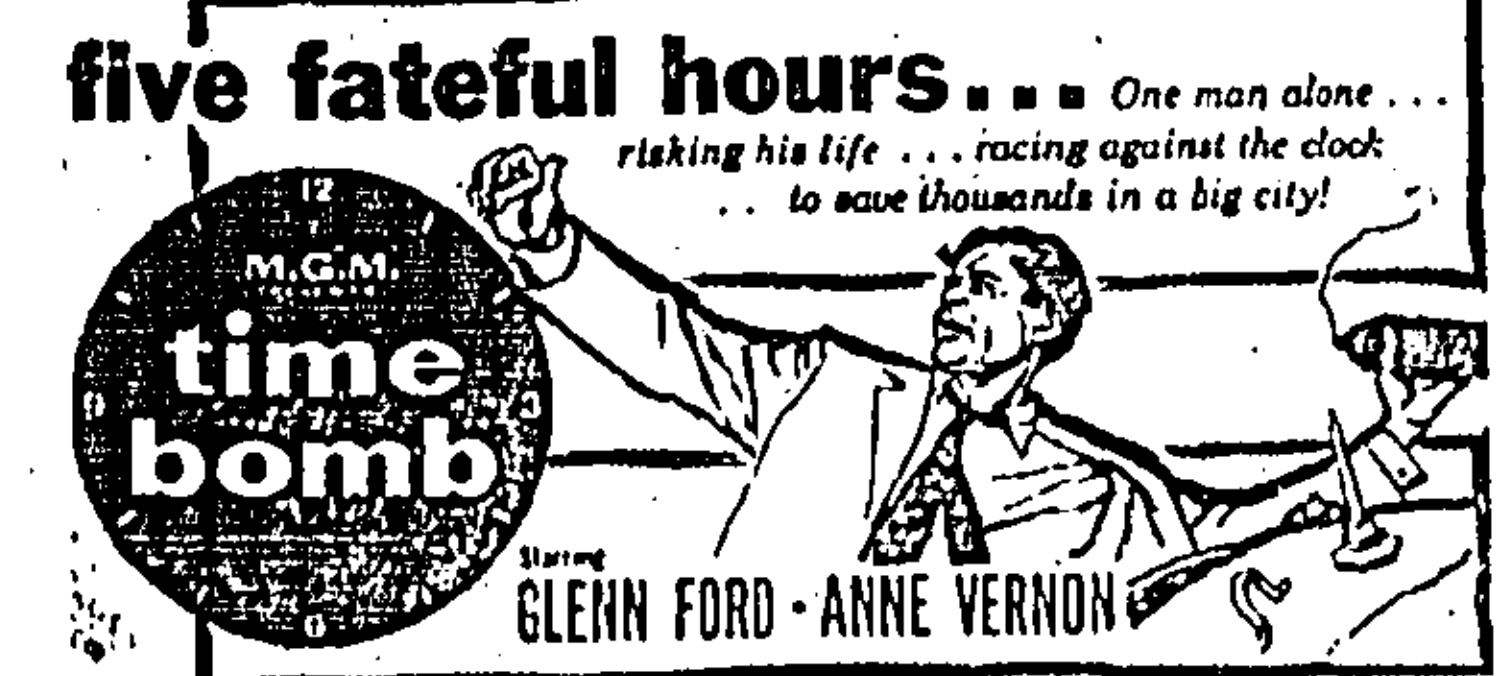
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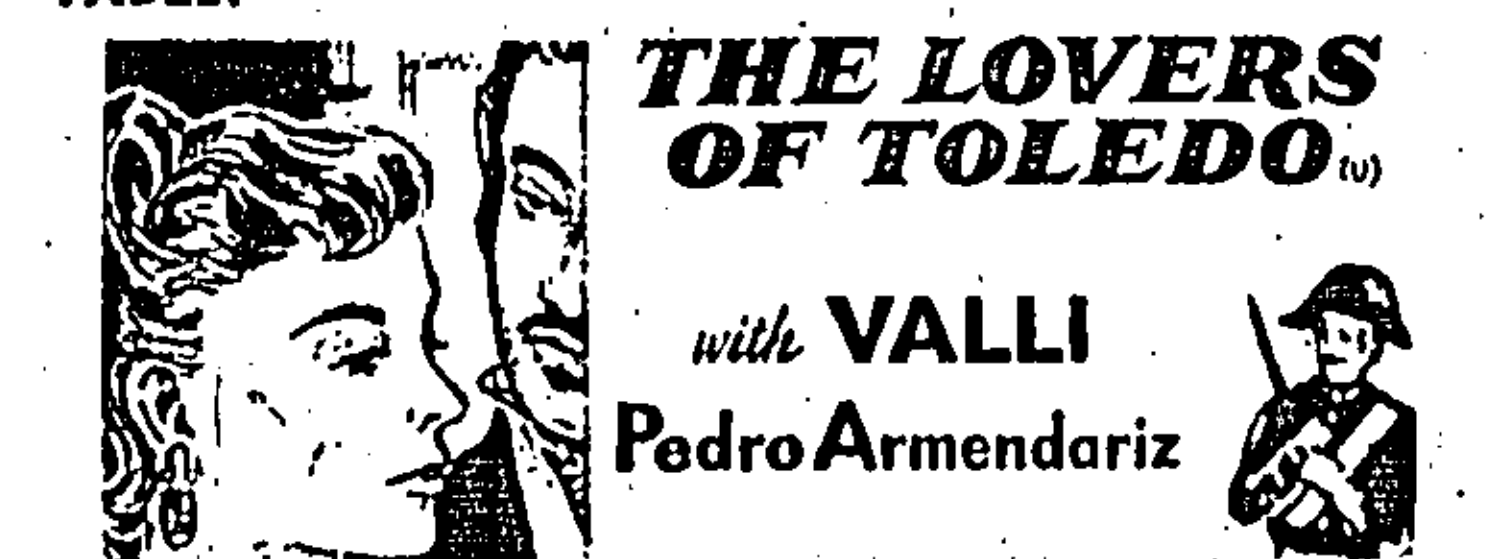
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"Truth Serums" Evil

Warning In Report By Yale University

The increasing use of so-called truth serums to obtain confessions in criminal investigations in the U.S.A. is condemned in a Yale University report.

The report warns that the serums are not nearly as fool-proof as had been thought. Drugs such as sodium amytal and sodium pentothal are most commonly used in cases where defendants in criminal trials volunteer to submit to them.

The Yale report says that some people under the influence of the drugs were able to confess "crimes" they did not commit while others were able to cover up their guilt with lies.

The university carried out tests with scores of students. Before drugs were administered, the subjects revealed some shameful or guilt-producing incidents, all true, out of their past.

Then they were requested to think of false stories about these incidents.

Sodium amytal was given intravenously, and the doctors tried to get the subjects to tell which of the two versions was true and which was false.

The results indicated that the "average" or normal persons are less likely to confess real guilt.

On the other hand, neurotic types are more likely to break down under questioning and tell the truth—although in some cases they were able, under the drug's influence, to invent new fantasies in the place of the original false stories.

Public Flogging Advocated

Karachi, Aug. 12. The Sind Minister, Pir Muhammad Rashid, advocated the public flogging of unscrupulous doctors, who deal in black market medicines hoard food or are "quacks."

His statement, which was widely reported, caused a storm of protest from the medical profession who retorted that it would be much more fair if applied to unscrupulous politicians.

They added that the floggers would also have more work to do.—China Mail Special.

REVIVAL OF OLD DANGERS

"Salt Of The Earth" Conviction In Germany

Expert Alarmed By Return To Herrenvolk Mentality

London, Aug. 12. Author Edgar Stern Rubarth, formerly spokesman of successive German governments under the Weimar Republic, writing in the Daily Telegraph, warns that old dangers are being revived in Germany.

Stern Rubarth, now a British citizen, says: "The German people go to the polls on September 6 for the first time in many years under no pressure of distress, dictatorship or occupation rules."

"They are supposed to have absorbed since 1945, the proud spirit of Democracy with all that implies in self-discipline and respect for divergent opinions."

"They have accomplished miracles by dragging themselves up by their own shoestrings from an abyss of misery and destruction, famine and despair."

"They are at a height where Germany counts among the few great powers, where the voice of her aged leader, Dr. Adenauer, commands the world's respect and her trade the world's attentive consideration."

"But," says Stern Rubarth, "no one can have visited that lovely, lively country at intervals since the war without a feeling of alarm and bewilderment."

"There is nothing inherently objectionable in many of Germany's symptoms."

"But her workers' feeling of personal responsibility to get her on her feet again, the mushroom-like growth of buildings, and her exports, changing her from the recipient of charity into the European Payments Union's largest creditor with a surplus of \$500,000,000, are disturbing."

ALARMING POSITION

"Reviewed with a reconsideration of the past from the disturbing angle of these new heights, the position is alarming."

"The 'salt of the earth' conviction, once implanted in a regimented nation by an unconsidered utterance of William II, later exploded disastrously in the recidivism of the Berchtesgaden mania, is still alive."

"It has set into motion a whole chain of 'movements' unconjoined as yet, even contradictory, and in most cases no means consciously directed towards renunciation of Nazism."

"But it follows the old line of repudiating Germany's 'war guilt' and throwing the blame on others."

SERIOUS MOVE

Stern Rubarth regards the reawakening of the old Stahlhelm, soldiers' organisation created after World War I and later absorbed by the Nazis, as serious.

"It is much less obvious in its effect," he said.

Stern Rubarth says: "Look at the array of the Bonn parties for the election."

"They seem to hanker after ex-generals and bearers of Hitler's knight's crosses as candidates. Even the Liberal Free Democratic Party, still shaky from the shock of its Naumann-Achenbach infiltration, invites General von Manneuffel as the Christian Democrats invite General Stumpf, the air force leader who organised the blitz on London."

"The only visible solution does not lie in palliatives, or

Diamonds Being Stockpiled

Johannesburg, Aug. 12. Secret stockpiling of South African industrial diamonds being undertaken by the United States and British Governments, a South African diamond dealer said.

"Millions of pounds' worth of diamonds were involved."

In 1950, he said, the United States had drawn largely on South Africa's diamond resources to boost the war effort in Korea.

The diamonds were needed for precision tools used in munition factories.

South Africa's diamond sales that year, he said, were more than £14,000,000 sterling, were the highest for 31 years.—China Mail Special.

PEKING AND E. GERMANY

Berlin, Aug. 12. China is to send 50 million rubles (about £4,000,000) worth of additional wool and food including vegetable oil for margarine production to East Germany, the East German news agency reported today.

Under an agreement signed in Peking four days ago imports from China will include wool, cotton, heavy hides, egg products, rice, wheat and tinned meat. The shipments are not part of the mutual trade agreement for 1953 between the Chinese Republic and East Germany.

This additional agreement was "a genuine answer of the Chinese Republic to an East German request for more food and raw materials for consumer goods production. It is also a renewed proof of the deep friendship of the Chinese Republic for the East German Democratic Republic and their will to help," the agency said.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Hsu Hsueh-shan, Chinese Vice-Minister for Foreign Trade, and Mr. Johannes Koenig, the East German Ambassador.—Reuter.

ASIAN SOCIALISTS' DECISION

Hyderabad, Aug. 12.

The Asian Socialist Conference today decided to send shortly a fact-finding mission to Indo-China and Malaya and but the exact conditions prevailing there.

It discussed at length the situation in Indo-China and heard from Burma's Industries Minister, U Kyaw Nyein, the present situation there.

The conference decided to set up an anti-colonial bureau and a co-ordination committee.

The function of this bureau, which will be located in Rangoon, will be to guide the activities of freedom movements in the colonies and maintain close contacts between these movements and the Asian Socialist Conference.

The bureau will consist of representatives of member parties of the conference and nationalist movements in Africa and elsewhere.

The conference will hold its next meeting at Bandung in Indonesia next April.—Reuter.

New Record By U.S.

New York, Aug. 12.

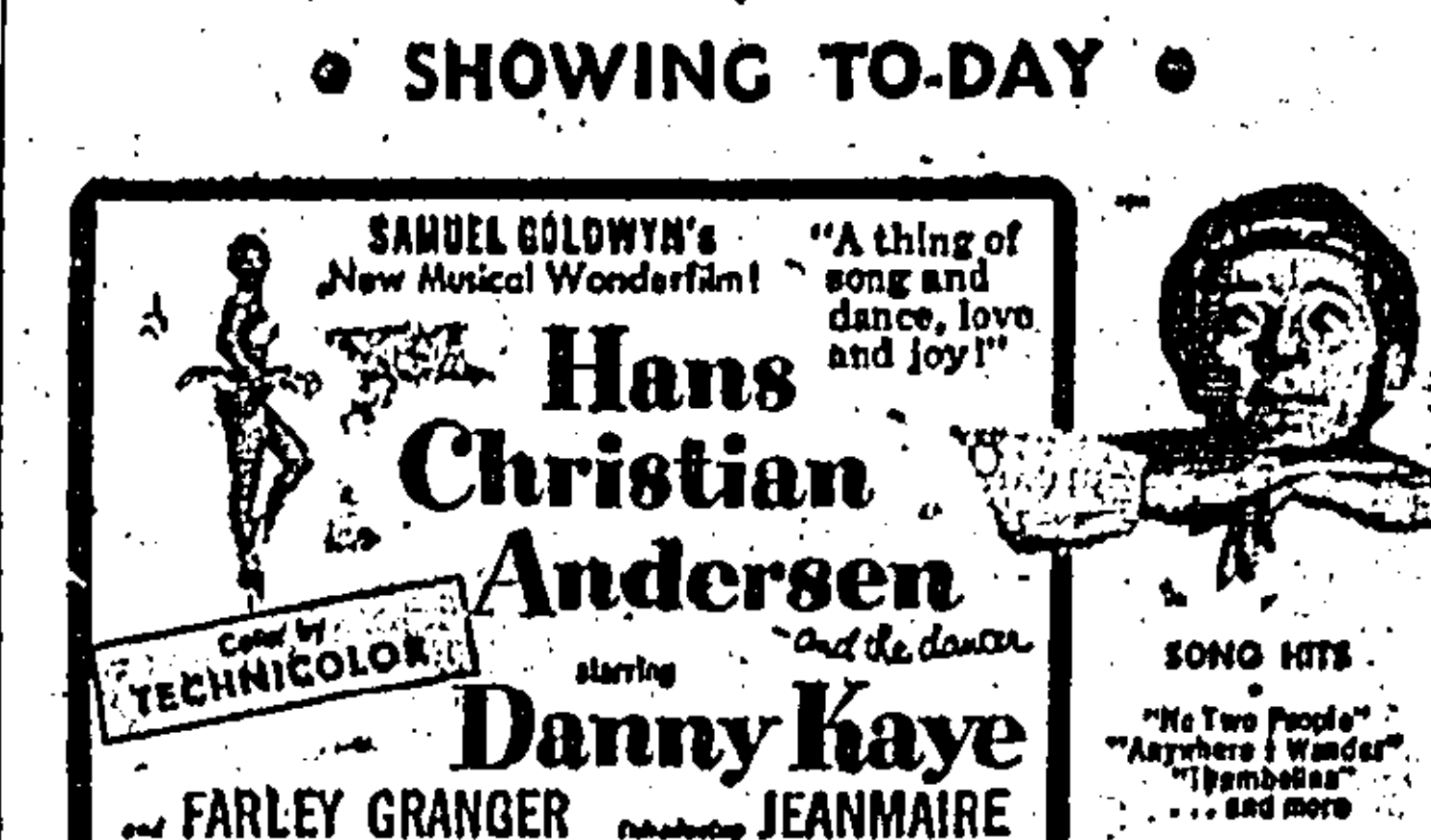
Primary aluminium production in the United States set new records in both the June quarter and the first of this year, according to the Aluminium Association.

The second quarter output was nine per cent higher than the first quarter, which was a previous record. This brought the first half-year output to 1,197,407,100 lbs., compared with 923,072,600 in the same period last year.

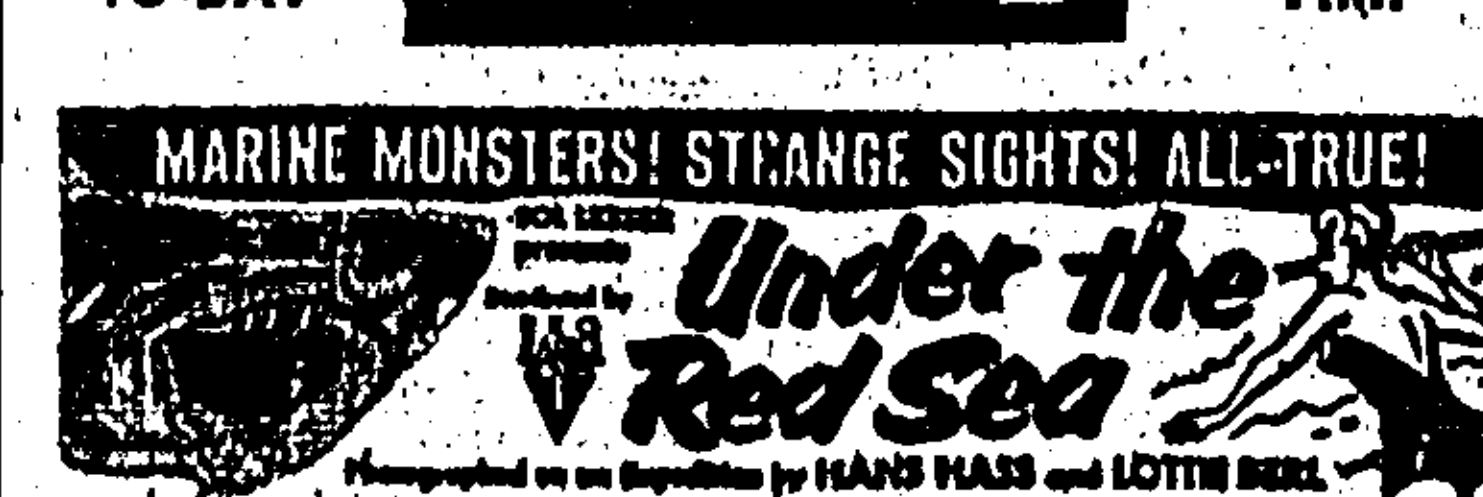
The industry's average daily production in June was also at a new peak of almost seven million lbs.—China Mail Special.

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THOMAS CLAYTON CALLING FROM CAIRO

NAGUIB ORDERS THEM TO FLY BOTH FLAGS ASTERN

FOR years Nile steamers plying between El-Shallal and Wadi Halfa have sailed under two flags—the Egyptian flag on the bow and the British flag on the stern. The steamers ply on the rail and river route linking Cairo with Khartoum.

But Naguib has protested that British skippers of steamers lower the Egyptian flag immediately on leaving El-Shallal and Wadi Halfa landing jetties.

Say the skippers: "Flying the Egyptian flag in the bow position as ordered under the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty obscures vision from the wheelhouse."

Naguib's solution: Fly both flags in the stern.

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NAGUIB had one cool reception amid the tumultuous five-day festivities to celebrate his first year of power.

It was from members of Alexandria's RAC, one of Egypt's most exclusive clubs. In Farouk's time they used to say you had to be a member of the royal family or a millionaire to belong to it.

His reception was, not surprisingly, cool. In the past year he has shorted members of their Pasha and Bey titles, and is now busy carving up their big feudal estates.

Members nevertheless elected Naguib honorary president. Last president—Farouk, who held many of his high-stake gambling parties at the club. Naguib does not play cards for money.

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IS it a lawsuit—or isn't it?

In Cairo, Egyptian Government officials state they are planning legal action to take 44 of the city's most valuable acres from the Aga Khan.

But in Evian, France, the Aga Khan, now taking a rest cure, says he is not being sued by the Egyptian Government.

"The land," he says, "is subject to a purely normal legal agreement."

Whoever is right, the rumpus is over skyscrapers which didn't exist last year.

The Egyptian Government's legal experts claim the Aga Khan got the land dirt cheap on condition that he built skyscraper flats and villas to ease Cairo's housing shortage.

None has been built—and now the Government says it has information that the Aga Khan is trying to sell some of the plot.

Present value of the land is about £50,000. Whether the Aga Khan will get his money back if the land is seized would depend on a court ruling.

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SINGER On Kalsoum, whose Arab-style renderings have made her a millionairess recently, telephoned from America to Cairo to complain that Washington has no mosque.

Now Sheikh El Bakhouiri, who as Minister of Works administers religious bequests left by Moslems, has promised he will try to earmark money for building a mosque there as soon as possible.

Om Kalsoum, whose records are played daily on the BBC's Arabic programme, is convalescing in America after an operation.

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FOREIGN Minister Mahmud Fawzi is reported to have intimated to America that Egypt is willing to be the site of any Big Four meeting.

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NUMBER One complaint by Egyptian ladies of fashion is that currency restrictions limit their purchases of Paris clothes. The allowance permitted by Naguib for holidaying abroad is £100. It is only increased on a Government doctor's certificate saying a patient must have medical treatment in a foreign country.

THE MAN WHO SEEKS A LAST PRIZE

By ALLAN MURRAY

SINCE Winston Churchill's historic bid for top-level talks to end the cold war, his health has become a matter of world concern. Without its linchpin—the machinery of peace making is marking time.

And, while the world awaits his full recovery, the most controversial figure in British politics has been given a new label by his Socialist opponents. In the 1951 election campaign they painted him as a warmonger. Now they hail him as a peacemaker.

For the Prime Minister, such contrasts are no novelty. In his long life he has been called everything from a cynical careerist to the saviour of his country.

His parliamentary career began in 1900. For more than half a century it has unfolded in a dazzling mosaic of spectacular contradictions. Three times it has lain in ruins. Each time he has rebuilt it more massively than before.

In his seventy-ninth year, the pattern nears completion. And it presents some astonishing contrasts.

His oratory is spell-binding, yet he has lost more elections than any other politician. He has filled more Cabinets—posited than any of his contemporaries, but it took him 40 years to become Prime Minister. His brilliance has been a byword in the House of Commons since his first speech there as a sub-peer, red-headed youth of 28. But if he had died before the age of 60, he would have left his mark not as a statesman but only as a brilliant rebel.

Chosen To Lead

IN fact, he has spent three-quarters of his life fighting the leaders of the very Conservative Party he now heads. Twice he has changed his party colours, and every party in turn has deeply distrusted him. Yet when war came he was unanimously chosen to lead all parties in a Coalition Government.

These contradictions are the hallmarks of a fierce partisanship and a mind which is fascinated by great issues and broad trends.

Winston Churchill has always followed ideas rather than men. And home policies have never appealed to him as much as the course of world affairs. On the challenges and opportunities of foreign policy he has never hesitated to take a stand. And once his stand is taken, he is never at a loss for closely-reasoned arguments to support it.

In Parliament this trait often brought the young Churchill into collision with his Party leaders. Once as a brash young backbencher he provoked an exasperated Minister to remark: "One might as well try to rebuke a brass band."

This zealous championship of ideas accounts for many of his reverses. In the political fray, the knight in shining armour has often been unhorsed. But bitterness has no place in his temperament. Long periods of unpopularity have perplexed him. But he has never borne his opponents a grudge.

The same absence of rancour infuses his statesmanship. "Which figure in history would you have liked to be other than yourself?" he was asked on a

visit to his old school. At once he replied: "Julius Caesar, because he was the most magnanimous of all the conquerors."

Age has mellowed Winston Churchill; his fame is secure. But neither age nor fame has blunted his zest for controversy. He veers between the roles of statesman and politician with a sharpness that often angers his critics. Behind the Grand Old Man who has described himself as a child of the House of Commons there still lurks the enfant terrible.

No man is more formidable in debate. None has such mastery over the moods of the House. And none has a more scrupulous regard for its conventions. Without doubt Winston Churchill is among the greatest parliamentarians England has known.

Not Easily

THAT is not the least of his personal triumphs. For as a young man, the cut and thrust of debate did not come easily to him. His themes were always compelling, but his delivery was poor. Long hours of practice were needed to develop the measured style and the flashes of devastating repartee for which he is famous.

But the now accomplished parliamentarian is only one facet of a many-sided personality. If Winston Churchill had never embarked on a political career he would still have made his name as an author.

His pen is as powerful as his oratory. Into his books he has poured a wide knowledge of history—which he mastered not at school, where he was considered a dunce, but by avid reading when he was a young Army subaltern.

His writings have brought him a substantial fortune. And his talent for painting, which he exercises only "as a solace and refreshment," has been described by a famous artist as extraordinary.

It was, however, as a soldier that he first hoped to make his mark. Asked as a schoolboy what profession he wanted to adopt, he replied: "The Army, of course, so long as there's fighting to be had. When that's over, I shall have a shot at politics."

First Love

HIS early background explains this choice. Born in the Victorian heyday of 1874, Winston Churchill was the son of Lord Randolph Churchill, whose political brilliance made him Chancellor of the Exchequer in his early thirties. But his, too, was a rebellious brilliance. Before he died at 45 he had already thrown away all chance of further advancement.

His maelstrom career opened his son's eyes to the fame that awaits the orator. But it was Winston's father who was his inspiration, his idol was an early ancestor, the first Duke of Marlborough, whose military genius saved Europe from French domination 250 years ago.

Fascinated by Marlborough's exploits, the young Winston Churchill acquired a knowledge of strategy, which has coloured every phase of his prodigious career.

This is shown by his authorship. Of more than 30 books he has written, 22 deal with some aspect of war. He inspired, too, the

vention of the tank in World War I, and the idea of the floating "Mulberry Harbour" which made the Normandy landings possible in World War II.

The Army was his first love, but did not hold him long. Four active years as a cavalry officer in India were punctuated by roving commissions as a newspaper correspondent. His fluent pen had already begun to make his fortune when he had his first shot at politics.

It was unsuccessful. Defeated in 1899 as a Conservative candidate in a by-election, he turned again to his pen and went to South Africa to cover the Boer War for a London newspaper.

He returned as a celebrity after a spectacular escape from imprisonment by the Boers. Once again he stood for Parliament. The General Election of 1900 carried him into the House of Commons as a Conservative, and his stormy political passage had begun.

Four years later he changed sides. In a dramatic gesture the rebellious backbencher, who had become a thorn in the flesh of the Conservative leaders, crossed the floor of the House to join the Liberal Party on the Opposition benches.

Loses Seat

HE remained a Liberal for 20 years. Ironically enough, the man now accused by the Socialists of undermining the Welfare State was responsible for the introduction of old age pensions and other progressive measures sponsored by a Liberal Government before the first war.

His contribution to World War I was brief but sensational. Appointed First Lord of the Admiralty in 1914, he was one of the very few men in the Government who foresaw hostilities with Germany. When they broke out in 1914, he was praised for having the British Fleet ready for action.

A few months later he was held responsible for the failure of the Gallipoli landings. Curtly dismissed from the Admiralty, he escaped from the limelight in 1914, he was praised for having the British Fleet ready for action.

By the end of the war he was back in office as Minister of Munitions. But the next decade was full of political frustrations. At the General Election of 1922, his popularity in the country was at a low ebb. Losing his seat, he was out of Parliament for the next two years.

Masterly

CHARACTERISTICALLY, he threw himself into the task of writing about events he could no longer argue about in Parliament. The result was "The World Crisis," a masterly strategic analysis of World War I, which a statesman of the time described as "Winston's brilliant autobiography, disguised as a history of the universe." Completed in 1929, it earned him £20,000, which he spent on buying Chartwell, his country house in Kent.

Meanwhile he had returned to Parliament, no longer as a Liberal, but to make his peace with the Conservatives. In the

Government of Stanley Baldwin he was promptly appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer, where he remained from 1924 till 1929.

Here his overpowering energy and his inability to fit into a team foreshadowed another fall from political grace.

Baldwin complained that when Winston Churchill attended a Cabinet meeting it was unable to concentrate on its proper agenda, since it invariably had to deal with an extremely clever memorandum Churchill had submitted on the work of some department other than his own.

Successive Prime Ministers steered clear of the same difficulty. For ten years Winston Churchill was out of office, till he sprang again into the limelight in 1939.

Prime Minister

ONCE more he was made First Lord of the Admiralty. But the personal history did not repeat itself. The failure of Neville Chamberlain's appeasement policy warned the country to the restless genius who since 1932 had been warning it that "Britain's hour of weakness is Europe's hour of danger."

The man and the hour had at last come together. On May 10, 1940, as German troops streamed into Holland, King George VI sent for Winston Churchill and asked him to form a Government.

Never had Britain been so solidly behind a Prime Minister. And never did a Prime Minister rise so superbly to the leadership of his country.

All Winston Churchill's gifts—his flair for ideas, his sense of history, his knowledge of strategy, and his boundless vitality—were thrown into the struggle for victory.

When victory came in 1945, the country turned him out of office and installed a Socialist Government. Not till 1951 did he achieve his lifelong ambition of leading his party to power in a General Election.

In that campaign he declared: "This is the last big prize I seek to win." But his passionate concern with ideas may have put a bigger and more splendid prize within his grasp. World peace is an elusive goal. But there has never been a more imaginative or experienced approach to current problems than Winston Churchill's bid to end the cold war.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Sure, I like 'em fine—but we're not buying till we get Senator McCarthy's reaction. How—see it?"

The Mountbatten Inheritance

By Robert Blake

THE Battenberg family originated a century ago when Prince Alexander of Hesse, a serving officer in the Russian army, eloped with one of the Tsarina's wards, Countess von Hauke, daughter of a Russian general of Flemish descent and Polish nationality. By permission of the Grand Duke of Hesse the offspring of their morganatic marriage were allowed to take the name of Battenberg—a family extinct since the 14th century.

From this marriage descended Prince Louis of Battenberg, his son, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Mr Connell's book* illustrates the rise of the Battenbergs, or

Mountbatten, family by five short biographical sketches. The subjects of three of these sketches—Prince Louis, his son, Earl Mountbatten, and the Duke of Edinburgh—are well known, and Mr Connell does not tell us much that is new. His other two "profiles" are of persons who are not of Battenberg blood at all—Sir Ernest Cassel, and his granddaughter, Lady Mountbatten. Their story is less familiar.

Sir Ernest Cassel was born in 1852, the son of a small-scale Jewish moneylender in Cologne. At the age of 16 he emigrated to Liverpool. He died in 1921 leaving one of the largest fortunes ever to be accumulated in a single generation.

It was perhaps the greatest financier of his day, the very epitome of that class of international bankers whose enormous investments opened up

the new countries of America, Asia and Africa in the last quarter of the 19th century. By the 1890s the rigid aristocratic barriers of Victorian England were beginning to collapse. Cassel's great wealth soon waited him into the world of society. In 1898 he attained the summit of social ambition. He succeeded Baron Maurice de Hirsch as private banker and financial adviser to the Prince of Wales.

A Court figure

The future King Edward VII symbolised the change that was coming over society. He was devoted to pleasure and enjoyed the company of persons who were rich and amusing, whatever their social or racial origin.

Admittedly there is no evidence that Cassel was ever amusing, but he was fabulously rich, and, as Mr Connell delicately puts it, the Prince of Wales "addicted to forms of expenditure which required in a gentleman of honour the ability to produce at short notice large sums in cash, could use to good purpose the advice of a financial expert of proven judgment and integrity."

When Queen Victoria died Cassel became a key figure in the new Court. King Edward, on one occasion, asked the Marquis de Soveral, the Portuguese ambassador, whether he had ever seen the importance of being Ernest Cassel. "No, Sir," replied the ambassador, "but I have seen the importance of being Ernest Cassel."

He grew morose

The heyday of Cassel's prosperity had now arrived. He bought Brook House, an immense mansion in Park Lane. Eight hundred tons of Italian marble were imported to line its walls, including those of its six kitchens. The dining-room, panelled in oak, could seat 100 guests. The house was packed with a tasteless profusion of art treasures, jade, porcelain, silver, and Old Masters.

Yet behind this opulent and, it must be admitted, somewhat vulgar facade, there existed a strange emptiness.

Cassel had little real pleasure in the treasures that his money could buy. He was never a

happy man. His wife died only three years after their marriage. His only daughter, Maud, to whom he was devoted, died in 1911. The death of King Edward deprived him of his social influence, for the new Court surveyed the favourites of the late King with a frosty glance. In the 1914-18 war, Cassel, like Prince Louis of Battenberg, was most unjustly accused of being a pro-German.

Never a very genial person, he grew morose and forbidding. His private secretary recalls that in a period of eight years he only thanked her three times. The end of the war brought him a brief Indian summer, but he died in 1921. He left a fortune of approximately £7½ million.

Of this enormous sum, about £1½ million went on trust to his granddaughter, Edwina Ashley, who in 1922 continued the Cassel association with royalty by marrying Lord Louis Mountbatten.

The distinguished couple, enjoying in those days an income estimated by Mr Connell at £50,000 clear of the very centre of London's social whirl in the 1920s.

The lost tax

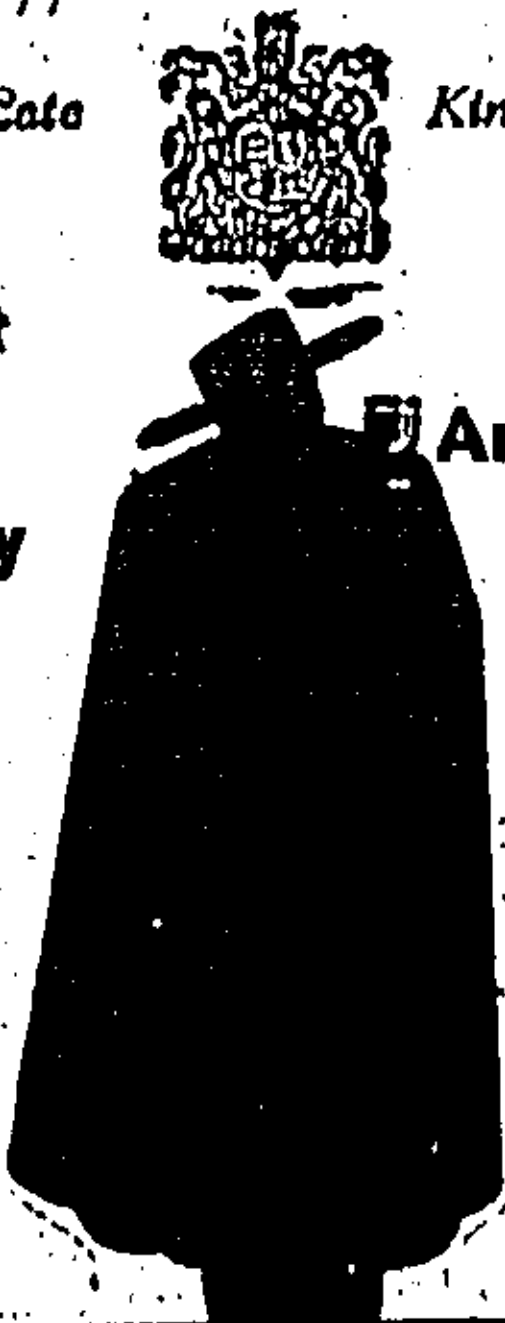
Yet all this gaiety left in Lady Mountbatten's mind, so Mr Connell tells us, "a void that she seemed unable to fill." In the 1930s she began to move leftwards, and to entertain "an increasing roster of Labour leaders and other exponents of more advanced social philosophies." How far her changed views influenced Lord Mountbatten no one can say, but he, too, moved in the same direction.

What would Sir Ernest Cassel, or for that matter Prince Louis of Battenberg, have thought if they had known that their descendants were to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire in India?

And what would Sir Ernest have thought of the action taken by the Socialist Government in 1949 when it passed an Act to break the object was to prevent his granddaughter from anticipating her trust income? Perhaps he would not have minded. After all, the effect was to deprive the Inland Revenue of some £25,000 a year, and financiers who leave £7½ million are not in general well disposed to the Inland Revenue. Socialists, of course, usually take a different view.

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Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Good Defence Will Stop Opponents

By ONWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in a recent tournament, South had to play his hand very skillfully to make his game contract in spades. He deserved credit for making the game, but his opponents didn't win any medals for their defensive skill.

South ruffed the opening heart lead and led a club to dummy's queen at the second trick. East ruffed and returned a low heart, forcing declarer to ruff a second time.

South thought the situation over carefully and decided to lead clubs again, finessing dummy's ten. East ruffed for a second time and made declarer ruff a third heart.

Now South cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond in dummy, and finessed the queen of trumps to return to his hand. When the finesse succeeded, South could draw the last trump with the ace.

Having drawn trumps he could lead his last club to dummy and discard one of his remaining diamonds on a top

NORTH 15		EAST (D)	
♠ 43	♠ 10873	♠ K865	♠ K865
♥ 2	♥ AKQ104	♥ KQ52	♥ KQ52
♦ 10	♦ KQ52	♦ KQ52	♦ KQ52
♣ 5	♣ KQ52	♣ KQ52	♣ KQ52
SOUTH		WEST	
♠ AQJ872	♠ None	♠ 10	♠ K865
♥ None	♥ A973	♥ KQ52	♥ KQ52
♦ 552	♦ None	♦ KQ52	♦ KQ52
♣ 552	♣ None	♣ KQ52	♣ KQ52
Neither side vul.		East South West North	
1♥	1♠	2♥	3♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ 2			

club. He could well afford to give up his last diamond, having previously lost only two trump tricks.

South's play was very astute, but try making four spades if East returns a trump after ruffing the first round of clubs. South can find several ways to make nine tricks, but I haven't found any way for him to make ten tricks.

This defence should not have been hard to ferret out. East could not hope to weaken declarer's trump holding since it was obvious that South could trade club leads to make East ruff for every time that East led a heart to make South ruff.

The only other defence worth considering was to return a trump in order to reduce dummy's ruffing power. This defence would have done the trick.

CARD SCENES

Q—With North-South vulnerable, the bidding has been:

East South West North

3 Diamonds ?

Q—You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-J-10-9-8-7-3, Hearts 9-5, Diamonds 5, Clubs K-Q-J-8. What do you do?

A—Bid three spades. This bid shows a strong spade suit in a hand that is good for at least seven or eight tricks. This is a minimum holding for this strong bid.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-J-10-9-8-7-3, Hearts 9-5, Diamonds 5, Clubs K-Q-J-8. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB-BELLS



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

AS one who went round the Sandwich golf course many years ago in 1948—a record for the course—I am wondering what will be done about the favour of the spectators at championship matches.

When thousands of people become uncontrollably excited a few yards from the players, there are bound to be incidents. As there is no referee to attack, they will probably soon begin to go for the players. I think it is the conflict between a longing for autographs and the boredom of watching the game, which produces mass hysteria. Could not police in helicopters control the crowd while special commentators in other helicopters broadcast a description of the play through microphones?

Fun at Brighton

THE destruction of a quantity of saucy seaside postcards by order of a magistrate was said to be due to the "immundo in the captions" rather than to the pictures themselves. In future, the picture of a man with a very red nose "stumbling home" will have under it the words "A very small, lovely, but it's difficult to walk in this high wind." For a man looking through a telescope at a pretty girl on the beach, the caption will be: "I like to see young people enjoying themselves." Be-

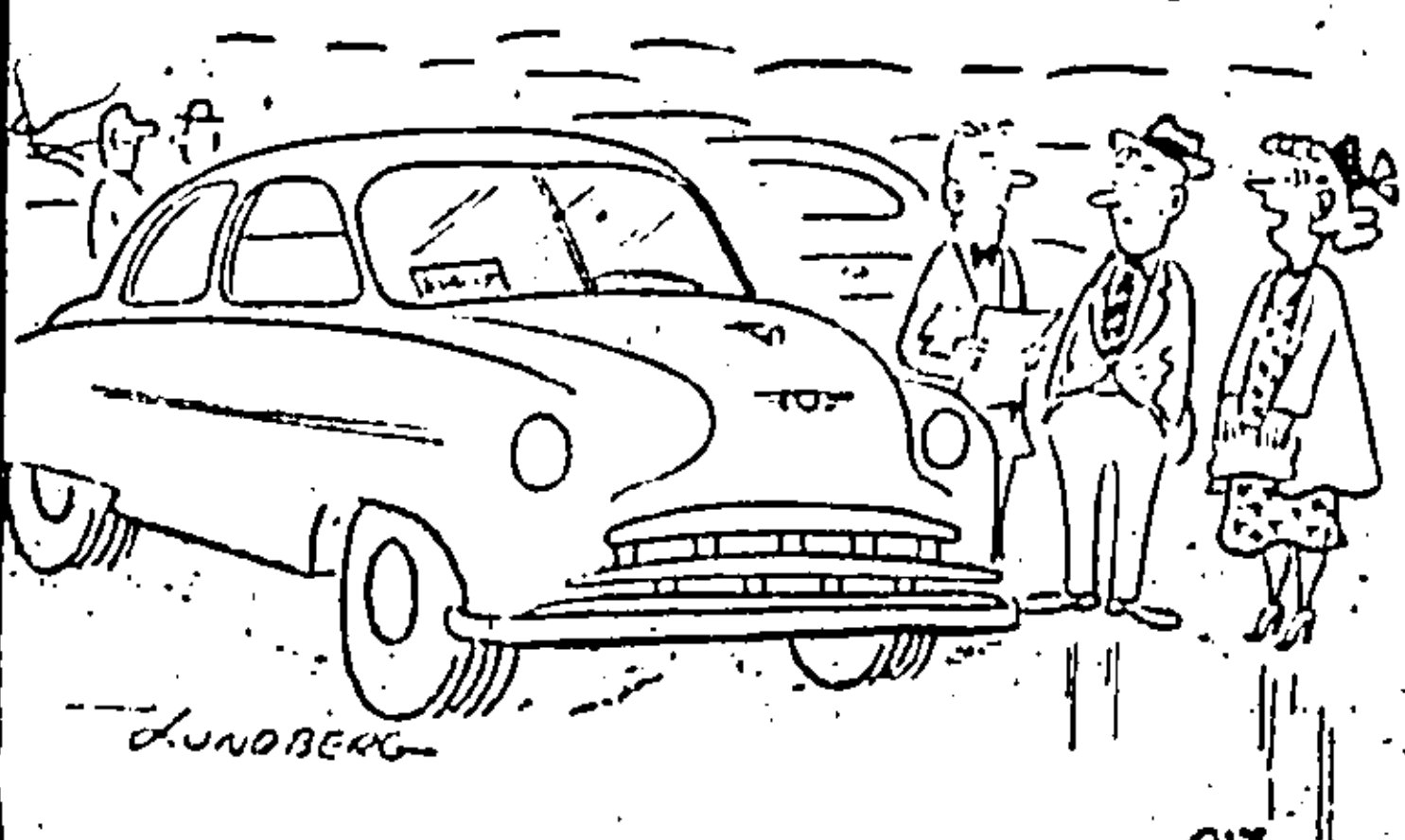
neath an encounter on the promenade you will read: "Excuse me, Miss, but can you tell me the time? My watch has stopped."

Foul enough to the reader

WHEN Captain Foulenough was staying at Kippering Manor, on the day of the big dance he carried the cases of specially ordered champagne out to his car, which he drove into a nearby wood. There was panic when the cases of the champagne were discovered. To the rescue came a whole-merchant who knew in a neighbouring his town will try to get the same brand. He promised, "and I'll drive in myself and get it to make sure it's the best time." One hour before the dance arrived. Foulenough was back. "All's well," he said. "And I've got the same brand." Next day he left, with a cheque in his wallet, and the grateful thanks of all concerned.

It doesn't matter much

A WIFE over six feet tall was, declared the other day, as "looking up to her husband." According to further information supplied, he was a "very small, wily man." She must have had some difficulty in looking up to him, since she went down on all fours and peered up at him like a dog. How little it matters, anyhow.



"Another interesting feature about it is we can't afford it!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

DOWN today, you have a keen perception and are an excellent judge of human nature. Diplomatic and tactful, you know how to handle any situation. You know how to direct a project and can always get the co-operation of your fellow workers. You know how to figure out a plan and can always get it done in good order. You are a person who is full of life and energy and you are a person who is full of life and energy.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

TO RUBY (Apr. 21-May 21)—You will find that your imagination reacts favourably to a new stimulus. Find out what you can do to make your life more interesting.

CROSSWORD

Across

1. In the middle of anywhere. (7)

2. Basement view. (4)

3. Accustom oneself to this spelling. (6)

4. Had tempered when in gear. (4)

5. Famous source of power. (6)

6. This may be a broken vase. (4)

7. Rum may be the pith of this cause for celebration. (7)

8. Lady of oaths to beware of. (7)

9. Hall in 14 Across. (3)

10. Go and for peer. (4)

11. This kept trouble in a box. (7)

12. Come in (5)

13. He who has a broken vase. (4)

14. Down

1. It shows something's lacking. (6)

2. Between two dates. (3)

3. Nice! makes a careless gent. (4)

4. Please start again. (5)

5. Sea for nuggets. (4)

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CHESS PROBLEM

By S. MITRINOVIC

Black, 8 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Kc1-K3; threat 2. R-B5 (ch). 1... Q-K7, Q-B7; 2. Qx R (ch); 1... BxK2; 2. R-K4 (ch).

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

CAPT. I. MARSH

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

SOLUTION TO CHECKER PUZZLE

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WOMANSENSE IN NEW VIENNA

FASHION APERITIF talks cotton today



FASHION APERITIF, an appetizer for the fashion shows ahead, moves today to Vienna, one time city of song and dance, which in this modern world seeks a new charm: as a city of world fashion.

● Fashion tales from Vienna this year talk of navy and white and cotton. On the left: A typical navy and white striped, pleated cotton skirt, worn with a low-necked navy cotton jersey and a wide matching stole. On the right: More navy and white striped cotton. This time, a polo-necked, long-sleeved jersey, cuffed and collared in navy wool and worn with navy cotton jeans.

AND IN MODERN Ruritania—

Exercise For A Lovely Neck

By HELEN FOLLETT

NO neck should be left to its own devices, to go its wilful way as it often does as early as the mid-thirties. It is remarkable how disagreeably a feminine neck can behave. It can go saggy. It can take on crosswise lines or up and down ones that are known as fiddlestrings. It can take on a dingy yellow colour that makes it appear as though it had no relationship whatsoever to the complexion that's well earned for.

Young faces held up by old necks! You see them all the time. If you are cosmetic-wise you know what happened. Faces were petted, creamed, powdered and fussed over. The neck never got a smitheren of cream or any loving care.

More Than Washing

Of course you wash your neck carefully. Everybody does. But don't think that it will suffice to keep your neck youthful of contour, smooth of surface. If you use only cleansing creams, get a special, soothing one for your throat. It should be of heavy consistency so that when you massage with it, fingers won't slide. We don't care if they're long hair, or short hair, or no hair at all. The only thing we do care about is whether they're friends or not. If they aren't our friends—well, we don't like them, even though they might be the handsomest dogs in the world.

Now for some neck exercises: Place the tips of the fingers of both hands on the back of your neck, thumbs on a line with your collar bones. Send the thumbs out toward the sides, keep on going a bit higher until you are sweeping from under your chin to your ear lobes.

Head Right

Turning your head to the right, smooth up and down on the left side of your neck. Then, with head to the left, treat the other side. Smooth up and down at the back of your neck. That's a portion of your anatomy that you never see. It may have a grey look that a little creaming and friction will overcome.

Dress your neck becomingly. Cute little round collars are pretty on the slender neck that holds up a youthful face. V-lines are for those who have taken on too much weight and are too inert to do anything about the situation.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Poodle Has Many Friends

—And They're All Sizes, Shapes and Colors—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Handi, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, met their friend Pleadilly, the brown poodle, as he was returning home from a walk. He sat down on the back steps beside them.

"I was just visiting some of my friends," Pleadilly said.

"What kind of friends, Pie?" Knarf asked.

Tall And Short

"Dog-friends," Pleadilly replied, wagging his stumpy tail. "One of them was tall and spotted. One of them was short and brown. One of them was quite small with his hair all over his face. One of them was big with red hair. One of them was enormous with a big, sad face. One of them came from China. One of them came from Scotland and one of them—"

"My goodness," interrupted Handi. "You certainly have a lot of friends, Pie!"

"And all of them different!" said Knarf. "I mean different sizes and shapes and colours!"

Pleadilly, the brown poodle, nodded. "We dogs don't mind a bit how our friends look. We don't care if they're tall, short, black, white, brown or spotted. We don't care if they have long hair, or short hair, or no hair at all. The only thing we do care about is whether they're friends or not. If they aren't our friends—well, we don't like them, even though they might be the handsomest dogs in the world."

Knarf asked Pie to explain who his different friends were. "For

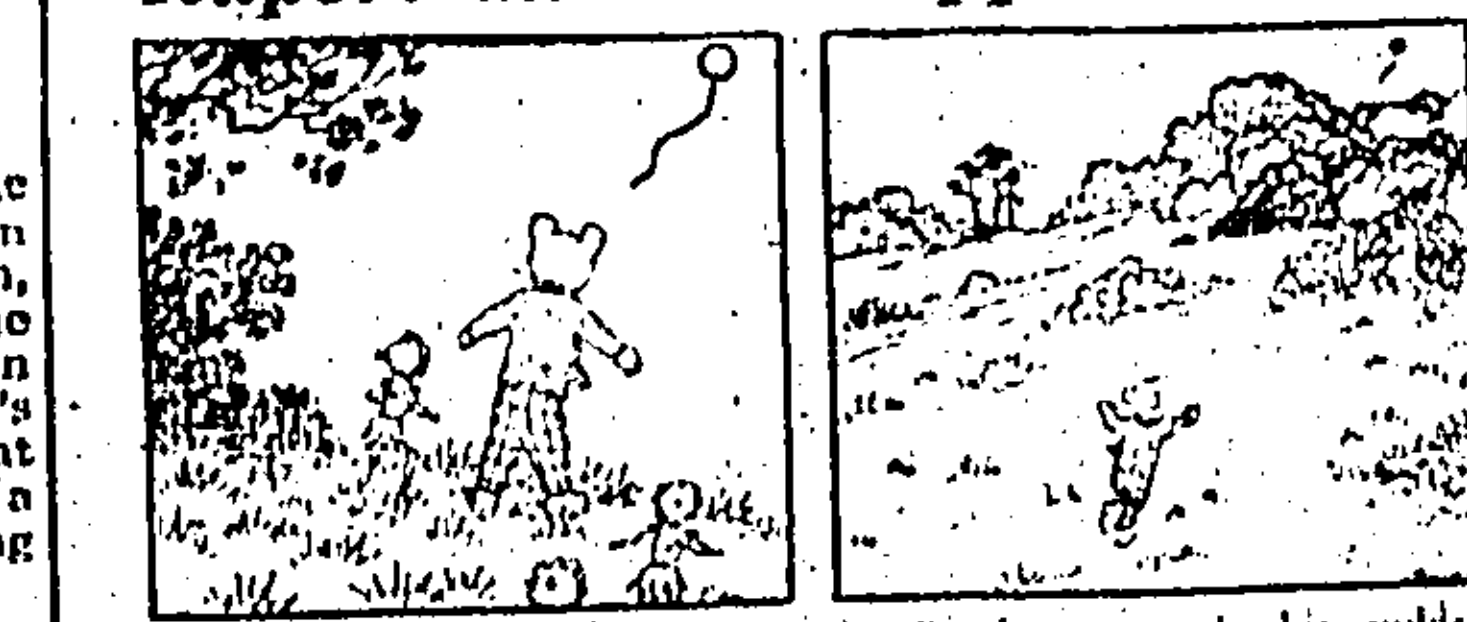
Doesn't Speak Chinese

"That's right," said Pie. "Of course, he himself didn't come from China. But his great-great-great-great (and a lot more greats) grandfather did. He

Don't Speak Chinese

"That's right," said Pie. "Of course, he himself didn't come from China. But his great-great-great-great (and a lot more greats) grandfather did. He

Rupert and the Pepper-Rose-7



More little angry lumps run out after their leader and examine their plants carefully. "You're lucky once more!" says one of them. "You've missed them again. There's no damage done, only I do wish you wouldn't keep frightening us." But Rupert is frightened.



Handi knew about some of the poodle's dog friends.

doesn't speak Chinese, either. He just barks like every other dog. "My next friend—the one without any hair—came from Mexico. He's called a Chihuahua."

Pie pronounced the name chee-wah-wah. It sounded like a squeal and two barks.

"Why hasn't the Chihuahua got any hair?" Knarf asked.

"I don't know," said Pie. "It just never grew. He wasn't at all like the friend I met next—the one who came from Scotland."

"A Scot?" asked Handi.

"Yes," answered Pie. "And Scotie was all black with almost as much hair as a Yorkshire Terrier."

"But my favourite friend," Pie said as he stood up and stretched himself, "is named Sam. He isn't big and he isn't fat. He isn't thin and he isn't grey and black. Nobody knows where he comes from. But he's the smartest, and best-natured, and liveliest dog of all. He's my very best friend."

Then Pie wagged his tail and ran off.

Another new "Adventure"

RUPERT and the DOUBLE DREAM

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For the corset manufacturers, a director of the firm of Josens said, "I agree that iron-casing corsets are a thing of the past. But we have a new grade in nylon, completely moulded to the body without bones or zips or buttons."

Dior Ends That Nipped-In Waist

From JOAN HARRISON

Paris—Christian Dior said: "I have done away with the corset for women—all my new dresses are meant to be worn without corsets." I am sick of seeing women eased up in iron so they cannot breathe.

M. Dior, who started the short skirts, added: "The new revolution is aimed at the body." But he left Paris after this latest pronouncement and is now on his way to Greece.

Away it goes

He said: "For the first time I have done away with the corset, even in dresses intended for dancing. How many times I have heard men complain that their partners have iron casings."

"The delight of my mannequins when they first tried on the new dresses designed to be worn without corsets convinced me I was right."

"I also wanted to do away with those awful dresses in two pieces which the Americans called separates. The 'Princess' line was the solution—all in one piece, as simple as possible. "I also had enough of those 'grand tra-la-las' dresses that one saw at every ball. I wanted to get back to the simple easy-to-wear evening gown."

"My favourite dress in my new collection is one I christened 'Paname' and which is simply a little piece of black satin without any decoration at all and which anyone can wear."

"Perfect"

He said that his new short-skirted, corsetless dresses are "perfect" for the little woman "un peu dodue"—a little plump.

Dior, who is more than a little plump, added: "Do not show your knees, which the cat thinks are where your skirt should end."

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(London Express Service)

LEICESTERSHIRE SAVED BY THIRD WICKET STAND IN MATCH WITH CHAMPIONS

London, Aug. 12.

Leicestershire, needing an outright win over Surrey, the County Champions, to take the lead for the first time, were saved by a third wicket stand of 135 by Charles Palmer (57) and Maurice Tompkin (76).

These two came together when Leicestershire had lost two wickets for 15 runs. After Tompkin had been dismissed at 150, Leicestershire lost three wickets at 159.

Surrey lost two for 65 in reply to Leicestershire's 243.

England's captain, Len Hutton, batting lower down in the order because of an injured knee, saved Yorkshire from a complete collapse against Derbyshire.

With a superlative display for 74, including nine fours, he helped to improve Yorkshire's total from 61 for six to 107.

Helped by the heavy atmosphere, Derbyshire's fast-inclined bowler, Leslie Jackson, had a spell of three for 16 and finished with four for 51.

Angus Wilson, injured in a car crash last year, for 19 runs in 62 minutes, for 63 minutes, for Gloucestershire against Worcestershire. He and

the Arsenal footballer, Arthur Milton, who batted 165 minutes for 73, added 101 in 58 minutes for the fifth wicket.

Freddie Trueman, Yorkshire's fast bowler, who is to play for England against Australia in the fifth Test, gave his injured ankle a tryout today.

Playing for the Royal Air Force against the Royal Navy, he cut his run by half and took four for 65, including a spell of three for 18. He was confident he would be fit for the Test.

MARLBOROUGH 100TH

The former Cambridge captain, Robin Maclaren, one of the leading amateur off-spin bowlers, took his 100th wicket of the season when playing for

Sussex against Warwickshire, who declared at 327 for nine. The opening batsmen, Fred Gardner and Norman Horner, added 134.

Somerset, with only two full time professionals playing because of injuries, were too inexperienced to press home the advantage after dismissing Nottinghamshire for 232 on a good pitch. They lost seven for 80 and need 13 runs to save the follow-on. Bruce Doeland took four wickets for 20.

Northamptonshire, with seven regular players on the injured list, fought back from 71 for six and need only seven more runs with one wicket left to take first innings lead against Lancashire. Tribe, after a spell of four wickets for four overs, scored an enterprising 65 not out, his highest score of the season.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES: Close of play scores in first class cricket matches played today were:

At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire 321 for nine (Milton 73, Wilson 82). Worcestershire to bat.

At Weston-Super-Mare: Nottinghamshire 232 (Simpson 52, Stocks 50). Somerset 90 for seven.

At Lord's (two-day match): Royal Navy 169 (Trueman, right arm fast, four for 85). Royal Air Force 192 for eight.

At Manchester: Lancashire 163, Northamptonshire 157 for nine (Tribe not out 65).

At Scarborough: Yorkshire 167 (Hutton 74, Morgan, right arm fast-medium, four for 40). Derbyshire 90 for four.

At Portsmouth: Hampshire 294 (Gray 54, Shackleton 63, Cartwright 50). Glamorgan 40 for one.

At Loughborough: Leicestershire 243 (Tompkin 76, Palmer 57). Surrey 65 for two.

At Birmingham: Warwickshire 327 for nine declared (Horner 73, Gardner 57, Bromley not out 61). Sussex seven for no wicket.—Reuter.

Davidson and Bennett carried on a partnership of 85 in 70 minutes for the sixth wicket stand before Davidson became the fourth leg before victim of the innings. He had hit eight fours in his 50.

Archer, missed at slip by Preston, helped Bennett put on 64 for the seventh wicket. Bennett batted just over two hours for 67 before giving a simple catch to mid-on.

THE SCOREBOARD

Australians, 1st innings: Hote, c. Gibb b. Watson ... 89

Morris, c. Vigar b. Preston ... 33

Harvey, lbw, b. Smith ... 16

de Courcy, lbw, b. Bailey ... 22

Davidson, lbw, b. Green-smith ... 58

Bennett, c. Preston b. Watkins ... 67

Archer, not out ... 28

Ring, not out ... 1

Extras ... 12

Total (for seven) ... 477

Bowling: O M R W

Bailey ... 18 1 71 2

Preston ... 21 1 88 1

Smith ... 20 2 123 1

Insle ... 1 0 5 0

Watkins ... 15 3 49 2

Green-smith ... 27 2 129 1

Byes 5; Leg byes 7.—Reuter.

Australians Trounce Essex Attack To Score 477 For 7

Southend, Aug. 12.

The Australian cricketers trounced the Essex attack here today to score 477 for seven on the ground where the touring team of five years ago set up a world record of 721 runs in one day.

Jim de Courcy, New South Wales batsman, hit five consecutive balls for six, six, six, four and six in a searing attack on the legbreaks of Bill Green-smith. His feat of 28 runs in one over has been surpassed only six times and equaled three times in cricket history.

The record of one over is 34 by E. Alletson of Nottinghamshire against Sussex in 1911.

De Courcy, spearhead of the Australian assault, made 167, the highest score of his career, in a chanceless innings lasting three hours 25 minutes. He hit four sixes and 18 fours, mostly with powerful drives or hits to leg.

Graham Hote (89), Ritchie Bennett (67) and Alan Davidson (58) were his chief assistants in the slaughter of the Essex attack.

Arthur Morris began the day by hitting 33 in 25 minutes, but he and Neil Harvey left in quick succession and two wickets were down for 50.

They were a stand of 150 in two hours by de Courcy and the young driving Hote. The latter was caught behind the wicket when trying to drive after an entertaining innings which included eight fours.

Von Nida Leads In Spalding Tournament

Worthing, Sussex.

Aug. 12.

Less than 24 hours after flying 4,000 miles from Chicago to England, Norman Von Nida, the brilliant little Australian Golf Champion, took the lead in the £1,350 professional Spalding tournament here today with a first round of 65.

Von Nida had barely time for a practice round after his dash by air from competing in the World Championship contest at the Chicago "Tam O'Shanter" Club and was last man out in the first round of the 72 holes tournament.

Until Von Nida's round the best score stood at 66, returned by Arthur Harrison, a professional at the adjoining Hill Barn Club, who is a member of the British Ryder Cup Selection Committee.

Arnold Stickey, of London's Ealing Club, was a further stroke behind Harrison and ten competitors shared fourth place with 68.

A second 18 holes round will be played on Thursday and the leading 50 professionals and any amateurs who qualify will contest the final 36 holes on Friday.—Reuter.

Charles Beaten

Miami Beach, Fla., Aug. 11. Ezzard Charles, former World Heavyweight Champion, was surprisingly beaten by Ring Valdes, the Cuban heavyweight Champion, tonight. Valdes, the Cuban Heavyweight Champion, won the decision over ten rounds.—Reuter.

THE FOURTH TEST MATCH



The Fourth Test Match at Leeds ended in another draw. This makes four draws and the final match will be played at the Oval, starting this Saturday. This picture shows Keith Miller diving in an attempt to catch Trevor Bailey.—Central Press Photo.

Frank Chester Misses The Final Test

By PETER DITTON

Would Frank Chester have been selected to stand in the final Test if he had not been ordered to bed by his doctor? The question is of course hypothetical, but I think it is a pretty fair bet that Chester would not have appeared at the Oval in any event.

The Australians, so it is reported, objected to his attitude on the field at Hendingley during the Fourth Test and also to the manner in which he answered appeals. Hassett is said to have protested against his appearance in the final Test.

MCC Secretary Ronnie Aird would neither confirm nor deny this when I spoke to him last week. What he did say was that both captains have the right to object to an umpire and that his objection is then considered by an advisory board. But who complains against whom and on what grounds is strictly confidential.

My guess is that the Australians do not like Chester because at times he makes no secret of his annoyance when an lbw appeal is asked for by every player on the field with the possible exception of cover point.

What natural gifts enable a cricketer standing at short leg or in the gully to see if a batsman is lbw is beyond me.

But the Australians would appear to have that gift, for the noise that goes up when an appeal is asked for, the walls of Jericho back into position, let alone tumble them down.

An inexperienced umpire faced with such a confident shout might give a decision perhaps against his better judgment. There is so little time to decide and it is amazing the effect a combined yell can have when you are standing right in the middle of all the hullabaloo.

WILL NOT BE RUSHED

But Chester, a veteran of over 60 Tests with 32 years' experience as a first class umpire behind him, is not the sort of man to be rushed into decisions against his judgment. He is a man who will not have his head in an imperial gesture and turn his back on the field as if to say "you should not have asked for that one, you know."

This uncompromising attitude has not made him popular with the Australians and has led to him being described by Australian writers as too dramatic.

But surely this is no reason for objection against him? Maybe Chester does have his little mannerisms. But then cricket is a game which has been famous for its characters and is always the better for their presence.

One famous Chester trick is to keep his hand up for four or five seconds when signalling that a batsman is out. He has, I know, been criticised for this. Yet really it is a very sound scheme for often the batsman does not look straight at the umpire when an appeal is made and if the affirmative reply is given quickly it may easily be misheard by him.

It happened to Trevor Bailey in the present series at Nottingham and I have since heard it said that Bailey refused to go when he was given out.

The simple truth is that he did not see the umpire's finger go up and, when he did look, it had been taken down again. The Chester method ensures against such an event.

NOTHING ESCAPES HIM

Nothing escapes his eagle eye and no matter what strange happenings occur he is never without the appropriate answer. Remember how he gave out Len Hutton for obstructing the field in the final Test against South Africa two years ago? To was a decision that many people had never even heard about. But Chester was able to provide the right answer without the slightest hesitation.

Let me give you another illustration of his prowess. Do you know that Hutton would have been out by if Gladwell

had appealed against him in the first England innings at Hendingley?

The ball hit Hutton's pad and then shattered the wicket. Lindwall started to appeal and then realised that there was no need. But even as he started his shout Chester's finger began to go up and it was only the

incomplete sentence which caused the entry "bowled" and not "lbw" to go into the record books.

It takes a good man to sum up a situation so quickly and I am sure that cricketers and cricket followers will wish Frank Chester a speedy recovery and many more years of umpiring. —(London Express Service)

H.K. CHINESE BEAT QUEENSLAND 3-0

Brisbane, Aug. 12.

The Hongkong Chinese soccer team defeated Queensland by three goals to nil in the Brisbane Cricket Ground here today. There were no goals scored in the first half.

Queensland won the toss and elected to play with the high wind and blowing behind them but failed to capitalise on this advantage. In the scoreless first half they failed to penetrate to any extent the rigid Chinese defence. In the second half, the

Chinese made full use of the following wind and the first goal of the game came five minutes after the resumption of play.

Following several attacks, Szeto Man initiated the scoring move. He moved to inside-left and the ball came from the left-wing, Hui Ching-to, to whom he threw a pass to Lee Chun-fat, who sent the final pass to Szeto Man, who scored.

The Chinese kept up a series of attacks and 12 minutes later, Szeto Man received a ball about 25 yards out and netted with a great drive, the Queensland goalie Lee having no chance.

After brilliant mid-field play, the Chinese chalked up the final goal when Lee Chun-fat broke through Queensland's defence to beat Lee with a hard drive a few minutes before full-time.—Reuter.

ANNEXED

Melbourne, Aug. 12. Soccer enthusiasts were plainly angered today by the Victorian Football League's refusal to use the Melbourne Cricket ground for the fourth China-Australia soccer Test scheduled for August 29.

Critics of the League protested that there was no other suitable ground available for the game. The Chinese consul, Dr. T.W. Liu, plans to see the Acting Premier, Mr. L.W. Galvin, tomorrow about the problem and will ask Mr. Galvin's help in obtaining a suitable ground.

Mr. J.J. Sholank of the Victorian Amateur Soccer Association bluntly charged: "It's a disgrace. But having fought hard to get a game for Melbourne, we will stage it even if they have to play in an open paddock."—United Press.

Turpin and Olson are expected to meet in New York in October, but formal contracts have not been signed yet.—United Press.

COCKELL THINKS HE HAS AN EVEN CHANCE

New York, Aug. 12. British Heavyweight Champion Don Cockell, sailing for home today on the liner Queen Mary, said he believed that he would have an even chance against World Champion Rocky Marciano if he ever meets him.

"I don't have anything definite lined up," said Cockell, who moved into prominence last week with his upset 10-round decision over Harry Matthews at Seattle.

"But, of course, I would like to meet Marciano and I think I would have a 50-50 chance if I ever do. Probably I will go back and work for a while on my farm in Sussex and then I may take a bout in South Africa against John Arthur, the South African heavyweight champ."

Commenting on the forthcoming Randy Turpin-Carl Olson fight for the world middleweight title, Cockell said that he picks Turpin.

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JON HENRICKS SWIMS 100 YARDS IN 51 SECONDS

Australian swimmer Jon Henricks yesterday swam the 100 Yards in 51 seconds in the 25-yard Victoria Recreation Club pool on the anchor leg of a relay race.

This is a Colony all-comers' record, beating his own performance of 52.1 seconds at the VRC last Saturday, and also a personal record for Henricks. His previous best, in Australia, was 52 seconds.

A large number of people attended the final, held arranged for Jon Henricks by the HKASA. Although the programme did not include any individual events, there was ample excitement provided in the various relay races for both men and women swimmers of the Colony.

Besides these, two exhibition swims by Jon Henricks, with Mr. W. Borge Phillips supplying a running commentary, provided the swimmers with the information they have been seeking as regards the technique and training methods used by world champions in the making.

Before the first exhibition, the 100 yards free style, Jon Henricks provided spectators with a demonstration of limbering up exercises which were difficult to execute and were instructive to watch.

Local backstrokers were taught new methods of training for this particular type of swimming.

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SPORTS SURVEY

By "All-Rounder"

NO BALL ... The opening batsmen had gone out to begin the home team's reply to the Northern Daily Telegraph CC's total at Salisbury. The usual preliminaries followed, the meticulous setting of the field, batsmen taking guard, bowler striding out his paces back from the wicket, close-in fieldsmen settling down, batsman No. 1 shapes to receive the first delivery. And then ... nothing happened. The teams had forgotten to bring out a ball with them!

FOUR WICKETS WITH BALLS TWICE ... A bowler on each side took four wickets with four successive deliveries in the match between Edwinstone (Leicester) and Park Lea (Rotherham). W. Sewell performed the feat for Park Lea, three victims being clean bowled and one bowled. S. Lee did it for Edwinstone—two bowlers, one lbw, one caught. An umpire said it would have been five in a row for Lee if he had appealed.

CRICKET AH-OY ... The Navy and Marines are to send their first ever representative team to Germany this month for matches in BAOR. The fixtures are: v. Combined Services at Dusseldorf, August 16 and 17; v. Second Tactical Air Force at Cuxhaven on August 19 and 20; v. BAOR at Bad Oeynhausen on August 23 and 24; v. British Troops in Berlin on August 25 and 26.

MARTIN HORTON IN FORM ... Martin Horton, the Worcestershire cricketer, who plays for Shrewsbury, was in form for the RAN Station in Wiltshire last week. He hit 102 out of 134 in just over an hour and the previous Saturday he scored a century in 35 minutes.

UMPIRE - REFEREE ... The only first-class cricket umpire who is also a football referee is Mr. A. E. D. Smith, of Barnes (London). After his cricketing duties are over he becomes a referee with the London Combination.

ANOTHER THOMPSON ... Norman Thompson, the former Brighton and Hove Albion footballer, now a motor engineer at East Ham, is proud of the success of his 23-year-old son Ian, all-rounder with the Sussex team. But he also speaks with pride of 18-year-old Gordon "who will be better than his brother". Gordon has an even better record with Forest School (Snaresbrook) than did Ian before him.

GOLF MATCH

The following is the draw for a Challenge Golf Match to be played over 18 holes at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Deep Water Bay Course between teams representing the Engineers and Surveyors of the Public Works Department:

K. S. Robertson (Engineers) v. W. L. Crunden (Surveyors)

W. O. Davies v. I. L. Stanton, N. K. Littlejohn v. A. M. J. Wright.

J. Alexander v. W. A. Johnson, J. G. Robson v. W. J. Skinner. Players are requested to contact their partners and arrange mutually convenient starting times. To ease pressure on the course, an early start is recommended.

The competition will be decided on the total number of holes won by an individual side. No handicap allowance to be taken.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



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Won Cocktail Set In A P.O.W. Camp

Britannia Camp, Aug. 12. A young Gloucester private, John O'Keefe, of Clifton, Bristol, returned from a North Korean prison camp carrying a lacquer cocktail set.

O'Keefe said he won the set—a shaker, and a tray—as a prize for his victory in a 3,000-metre race in the camp sports.

"It's going to be a fine souvenir," he said. O'Keefe said sports played a big part in his camp at Chongson and the British prisoners-of-war in the camp organised a football league with team names like "Arsenal" and "Wembley".

The 25 British prisoners who returned today were the first from the big Chongson camp known as "Camp Number One".

At this camp there were some 800 Americans and 600 British.

Nearly all the prisoners were Gloucesters captured in the Regiment's stand south of the Imjin River in April 1951.

The first signaller to be returned, Henry Jennings, of Gainsby, Lincolnshire, came

back today. Jennings was captured while working a radio for the Gloucesters.

"I'm a signaller but I'll always be proud that I was with the Gloucesters," he said.

Another Gloucester private, Eric Ratcliffe, said several people had tried to escape from the Chongson Camp but none had succeeded.

"The longest was out for only four days," he said. "The Chinese sent out parties to look for them. When they were caught and returned they were punished by being given hard labour. That wasn't bad."

Today's prisoners were much less critical of their captors than yesterday's batch, who were classed as "reactionaries".

Yesterday's prisoners recalled that the prisoners who opposed the Chinese were always released last from a camp and early release was sometimes given for "good behaviour," China Mail Special.

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ELECTION TOUR BY EX-NAZI

Hanover, Aug. 12.

Dr Werner Naumann, ex-Nazi Deputy of Hitler's propaganda Minister, Joseph Goebbels, announced today he would make a whirlwind election tour of all north Germany's major cities, starting on Friday in the industrial Ruhr.

Dr Naumann, who was adopted as candidate by the extreme right-wing German Reichs Party for the constituency of Diepholz and Sulingen, Lower Saxony, was recently released from West Prison after being held there since January on charges of leading a Nazi plot against the Federal West German Government.

The constituency for which he is standing contains 19 per cent of "refugees" from East Prussia and elsewhere, and has been the scene of much nationalist politics in the last four years.

Dr Naumann told a news conference he did not want a restoration of Hitler's Third Reich.

He said: "My friends know me and know also that my views are quite different from those attributed to me by British and German officials. I have never supported a Nazi restoration."

"I know, however, that our people will only survive if they remember the values that once made Germany great and honourable."

He said he was a resolute anti-Communist and was prepared to work with the West, but added that the West must show its willingness to trust, just as the Germans must prove they were willing and able to lead a Democratic State.—Reuter.

A Tokyo department store today presented a rare red-haired monkey to the Red Cross Society blood bank for making serum.

The bank had been trying to get red-haired monkeys either from India and Nepal to make serum for saving "blue babies" born of mothers with a rare type of blood.—China Mail Special.

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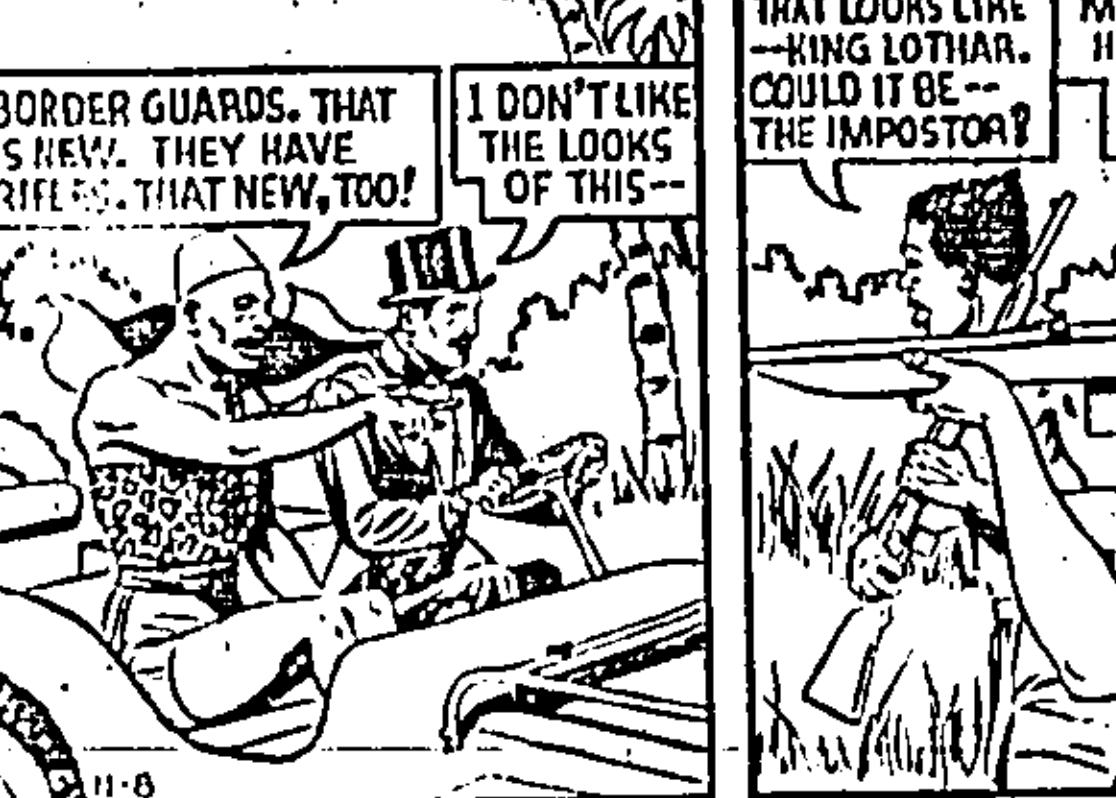
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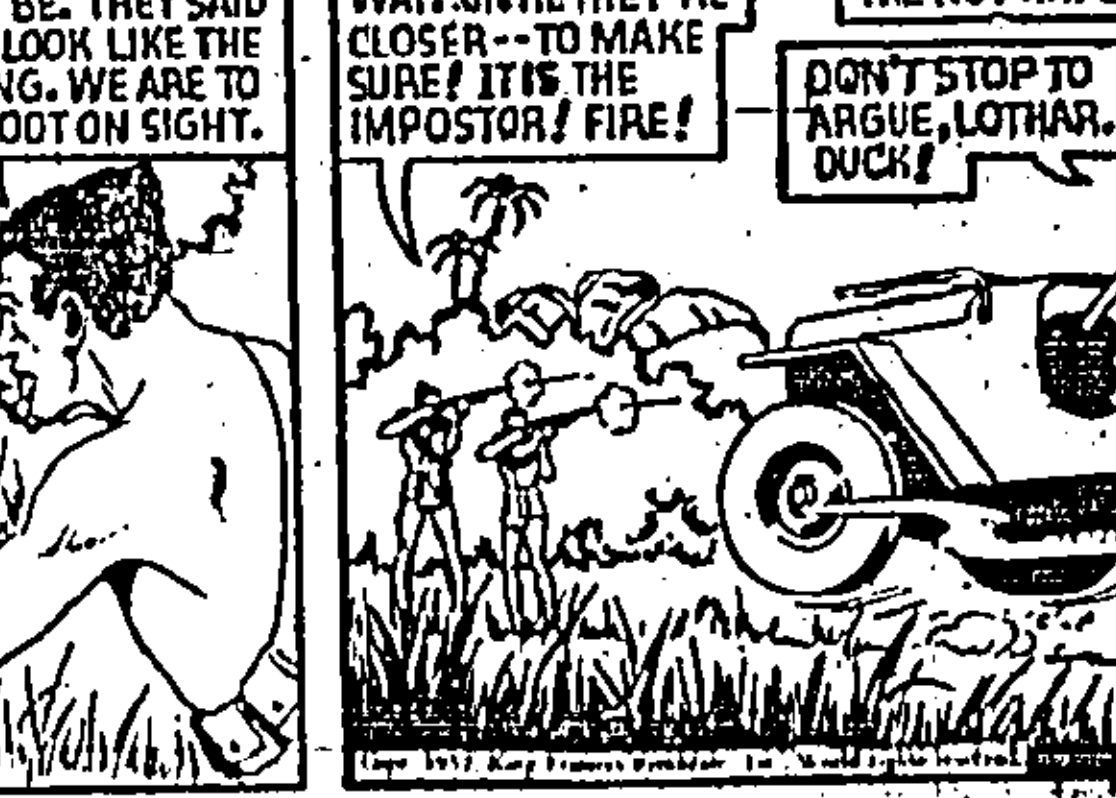
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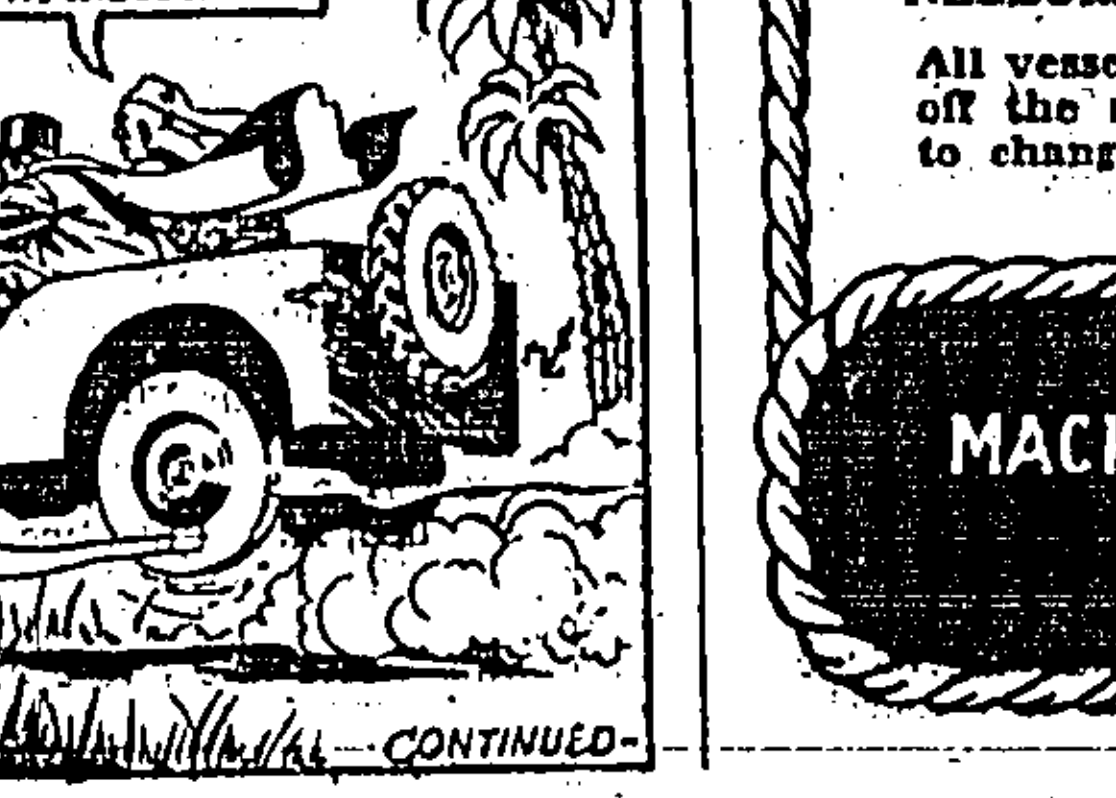
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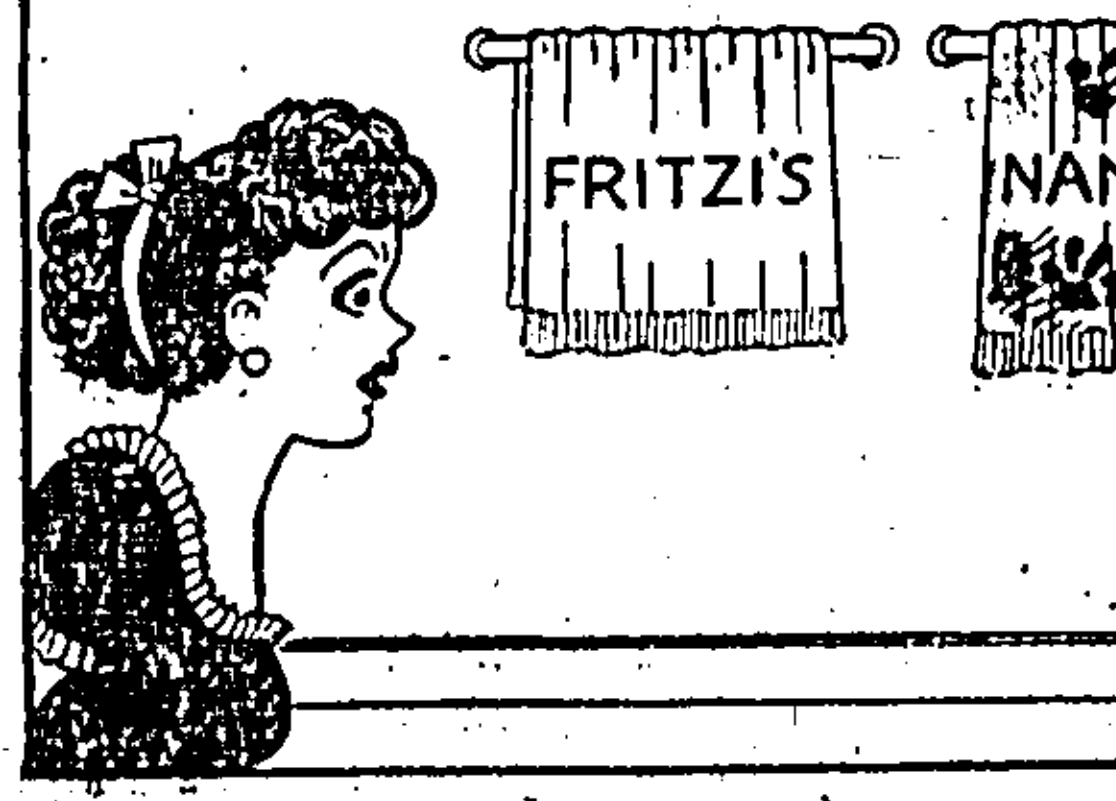
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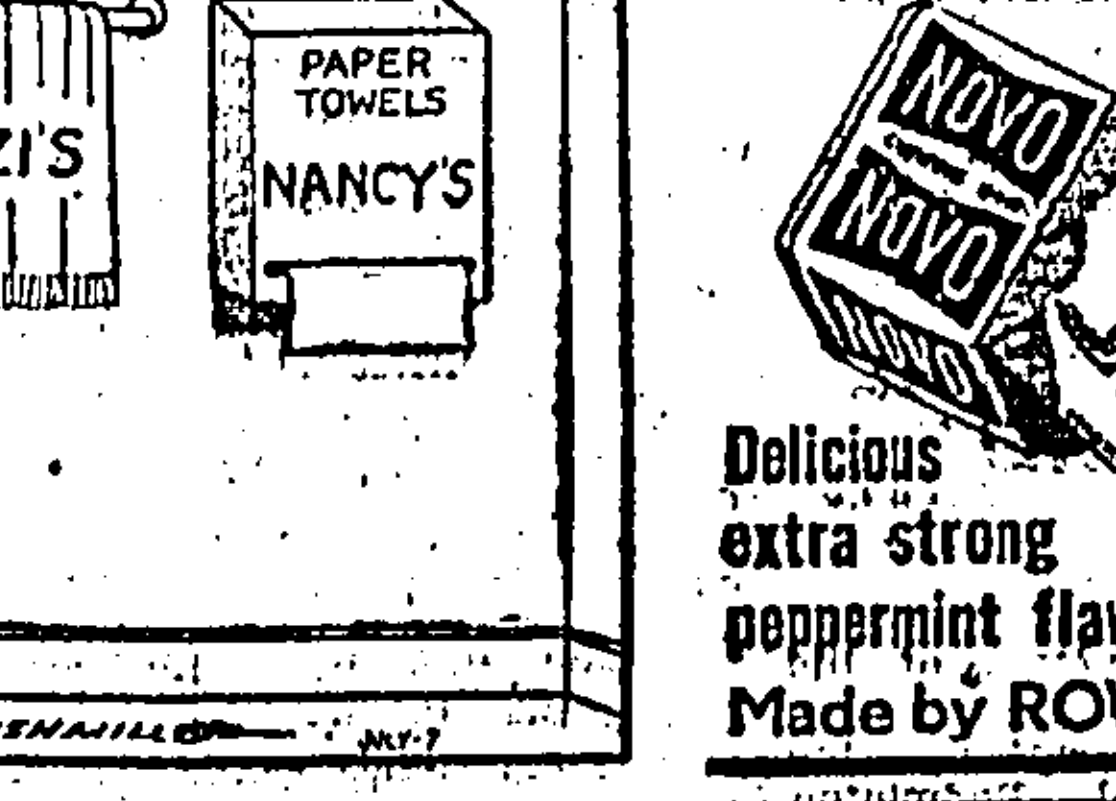
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MAKE UP SOME OF THE LOSS

London, Aug. 12.

British and Dutch-associated oil companies have made up from other sources 14 million of the 30 million tons annual oil output they lost when Persia's Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossaddegh, seized the Persian oilfields in 1951, it was disclosed today.

And in the Persian fields now operated by the Persian State Oil Company production dropped last year to one million tons.

Figures released by the British Petroleum Information Bureau showed that British and Dutch output last year totalled 96,100,000 tons—a drop of two million tons below the 1951 level, which included 19 million tons from Persia in the six months before Premier Mossaddegh took over the fields.

About 5,500,000 tons of the new production gained by the British and Dutch—who have been associated since the last century—came from Iraq, where a new pipeline came into full operation.

Increased production was also reported from Venezuela and Kuwait.

American companies produced 458,540,000 tons last year an increase of 21,540,000 tons over 1951.

Soviet and East European countries also boosted production from an estimated 49 million tons to 55,500,000.

World production last year stood at 640,380,000 tons—Reuter.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$212,010.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANK OF CHINA 1540

East Asia 151

INSURANCES 250

HK Fire 140

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LARGEST SINCE APRIL

The improvement in Britain's gold and dollar reserves in July was the largest since April and was a third higher than the average for the second quarter of this year.

This is particularly encouraging as July cannot, for seasonal reasons, normally be expected to be a good month for the sterling area's dollar earnings.

It is true that the balance for any individual month should not be given a great deal of weight; much depends on the fortuitous timing of receipts and payments.

Nevertheless a markedly improved result in a month that might have been expected to produce a poorer one is something more than merely satisfactory.

If the figures for July are compared with those of June in detail this favourable impression is confirmed. In June \$48m. was added to the reserves, of which the E.P.U. settlement, always for the previous month, provided \$10m. and American aid provided \$28m. All other gold and dollar movements produced only \$8m.

In July the total was \$89m., of which \$2m. came from E.P.U., \$30m. from aid, and other movements provided \$57m.

It is in these final figures that the real results of dealings between the sterling and dollar areas are to be found.

The straight comparison between \$8m. in June and \$57m. in July cannot, however, be made.

In the earlier month there was a special payment of \$22m. for the large U.S. holding in Associated Electrical Industries.

Properly speaking, therefore, after excluding American aid which is irrelevant to the real balance, and the E.P.U. settlement, which does not refer to earnings in the month in which it is paid, the July figure shows an improvement of \$21m. on that for June, an improvement not attributable to any single obvious factor.

Various reasons can be given for the improvement. Certainly it is not due to the commodity market. During July commodity sales are normally on a comparatively low level and prices of sterling area commodities do not appear on average to have been rising.

JAPAN BUYING
Invisible earnings almost certainly improved, and it is possible that the earnings of oil companies contributed to the improvement.

It is also reported that there have been substantial Japanese purchases of sterling with dollars, to relieve Japan's sterling shortage.

In addition there has been excellent progress made in the expansion of United Kingdom exports to the United States, a gain which apparently favours the trend—of these positive factors only one, the Japanese purchases, is probably non-recurrent—there are several points to be set.

For one thing, in July there was a deficit, though a small and expected one, with E.P.U.

WARNINGS
This was partly the result of the tourist expenditure on a higher allowance, partly of trade liberalisation measures and partly of the normal summer decline in European purchases of Commonwealth raw materials.

Nevertheless it is the first E.P.U. deficit incurred this year. There are also the warnings of the Treasury bulletin and of the trade figures, with the surplus of the surplus may again begin to contract.

Indeed, the official view seems to be that not only is July's surplus small compared with the need to rebuild the reserves, but that it will be followed by a deficit later in the year which will show a considerably smaller surplus.

These warnings obviously have to be taken seriously, and it is perfectly clear that, at \$2,480m. the reserves of the sterling area are inadequate, particularly if convertibility is a purpose of Commonwealth policy.

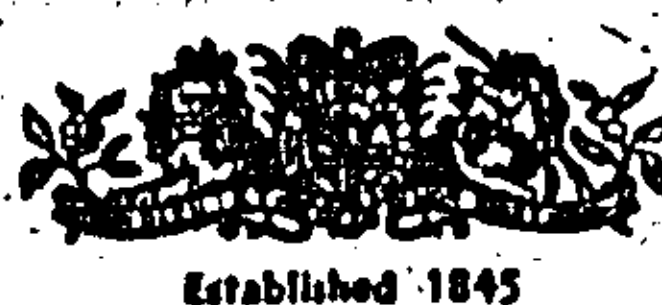
But, allowing for all this, it is still possible to take considerable encouragement from July's figures, for it has been at the very point where the trend might have started to turn against us that it has moved in our favour. — The Financial Times.

NEW VARIETY OF COTTON
Bombay, Aug. 12.
An improved variety of cotton has been sown in an increased area in Bombay State. The new variety, which is stated to be suitable for spinning higher counts of yarn, was developed by the Surat Agricultural Experimental Farm two years ago. Last year, the new variety which was tried in the field, showed good results in an area of about 2,000 acres. This year the new variety has been sown in over 15,000 acres. It is believed that this cotton will be replaced by the new variety in a few years. Cotton growers find that the yield from the new variety is higher. — China Mail Special.

JAPANESE BONDS
London, Aug. 12.
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"B" (4% of 1960) 72 1/2
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1953.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Typhoid Breaks Out In Three States And Causes Mild Panic

From H. King Wood

Sydney, Aug. 11.

An outbreak of typhoid fever in three States over the last week has caused a mild panic and given the health authorities a lot of worry. They are worried because the New South Wales cases have been reported in centres hundreds of miles apart and because people in three States and the Australian Capital Territory have been involved. This points to a widespread carrier which gives the health people a tough job in tracing it.

This week they have been testing samples of desiccated coconut following discovery in Melbourne that a germ found in samples from Papua probably caused the outbreak there.

The health people have asked wholesalers to freeze supplies and housewives to burn all stocks of desiccated coconut in their homes.

So far only two deaths have been reported, but about 26 people in New South Wales have the fever.

Australian painters must be causing some embarrassment to our tourist bureau officials. A new painting by Russell Drysdale, showing rusty, corrugated iron sheds and so forth, though artistically fine, is not likely to lure visitors from abroad.

Now Sidney Nolan has won acclaim for his studies of rotting carcasses of livestock.

GEM DEALER'S TOUR

A Melbourne gem importer, Mr John Altman, left this week on a world tour to sell Australian sapphires and opals. He took with him what experts said was the biggest collection of gem stones ever to leave Australia.

The collection, which was insured for £20,000, included a pear-shaped fire opal worth £1,000; arc, black opals from the Lightning Ridge field in New South Wales; unusual green and gold sapphires; and some black Queensland star opals.

One of these is the size of a small hen's egg.

Mr Altman's tour will include America, Britain, Germany and Ceylon. Before he left he said a lot of nonsense was talked about opals being unlucky. Australia was virtually the only producer of opals in the world and it was nearly time that the world was given a little sales talk about them.

The Queen has told the League of Ancient Mariners that she will accept a bell rope for the Royal Yacht.

A member of the League, Captain E. J. Maitland, is the maker of the rope, which took him nearly seven months. It has more than a quarter of a million knots and is a beautiful piece of work.

The rope is now on its way to England in the care of the commander of the liner Stratheden.

JAPAN'S CLAIMS

President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Mr A. E. Monk, said yesterday that Australia could not do much about Japan's claims to send migrants to New Guinea.

Mr Monk, who has just returned from a trip abroad, told the Australian United Nations Association that Japan would submit its claims for migration to New Guinea at the ILO Asian Regional Conference in Tokyo in September.

"We cannot do much about it," he said. "The problem will have to be dealt with when it arises."

Mr Monk added that Japan's attitude to migration as a solution to its population problem contrasted with that of other Asian countries.

Other Asian countries, he said, had greatly eased their attitude that Australia should admit Asian migrants.

IN LANGUAGES

Interpreters used six European languages at a court trial in Sydney this week. They spoke in English, French, Italian, Albanian, German and Bulgarian.

In a trial before Judge Nield, the Crown's Prosecutor put his questions in English. An interpreter relayed the questions in French. Another interpreter then addressed a witness in Albanian.

The answers came back through these channels to the English equivalent.

The man in the dock did not know any of the languages, so an interpreter kept him in

formed with an Italian translation of the evidence.

In another courtroom an interpreter used German and Bulgarian languages.

STORY-BOOK ENDING

A five-year-old girl who is only 16 believes in fairy-tale endings to stories now. The girl is Nargala Kunoth who has lived a lonely existence in the silent hinterland of the Northern Territory, dreaming that one day she would see the bright lights of the big cities far away.

Then Charles Chauvel and his film unit arrived in her district to film "Jedda". Nargala, a shapely pretty girl, got a job with the film unit—not acting, just doing various chores.

One day this week she sat looking at a little watermill on the Victoria River when Mrs Chauvel told her that she had been selected for the star role in the film—that of Jedda.

Nargala's mother is of the famous Arunta tribe and her father is a half-caste.

This column reported a few weeks ago a migrant who built a snow-woman so perfectly at Katoomba that police made him destroy it.

But that snow-woman has now won its young sculptor, 20-year-old Italian migrant Joseph Tudorin, a start in television.

He has been engaged to do an apprenticeship in TV stage art at Television City, Pagewood, a Sydney suburb.

TV scouts found him after papers had published pictures of his snow-woman. He had been engineering the gates at Katoomba level crossing.

WATER BY SEA

Two small steamers have been carrying water 200 miles from Sydney to Bermagui (South Coast of NSW) which has been undergoing one of its periodic droughts.

The steamers each carry 9,000 gallons of water, which they pump up from the coast to the tanks of the local hotel. The 1,000 people in the town have been dependent on this long haul for their water supply.

Hundreds of people in North Coast towns have also been carrying drinking water, some paying \$5 a 1,000-gallons to have the water brought to their homes.

Japanese breeders are seeking yearly drafts of Australian Corriedale sheep. The president of the Japan Sheep Registration (Kyochi Taguchi) has told the Australian Corriedale Association that Japanese breeders are keen to improve the quality of Corriedale sheep already in Japan.

It was said there were more than a million Corriedales of Australian origin in Japan now.

The Australian Government permits the export of Corriedales but will not allow the prized merino sheep to leave the country.

One of Australia's little known shortages is that of turkey feathers for arrows.

When a turkey school was in progress recently at Wagga Agriculture College, its organizer, Mr George Smith, had a moving appeal from the Lismore Archery Club for advice on how to get turkey feathers.

The three outside wing-up feathers are used for the arrows and except around Christmas time they are mighty scarce.

SHOCK FOR GOLFERS

Golfers taking part in Darwin Club's annual tournament at the weekend were disconcerted to find tracks of a number of wild buffalo on the first fairway.

The tracks were first seen by an aboriginal, Jimmy, who was caddy for the club captain, Mr T. D. Harris. Jimmy, who rarely speaks during 18 holes

and concentrates on handing the player the correct stick, became highly excited when playing the first hole.

He pointed to the tracks and shouted "Him buffalo!"

The Club's rules already make provision for lifting a ball lodging in a kangaroo scrape, or in a hole made by sea crabs, which burrow on the course.

But there is nothing in the rules—so far—about what to do if a wild buffalo attacks.

The Jules Verne Touch: America may already have established a small, artificial satellite in orbit around the earth, according to Mr T. W. Ingersoll, of Sydney Observatory.

He was lecturing the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation Institute of Navigation of "Problems of Space" and space navigation.

Mr Ingersoll was referring to "Project Rand"—a top priority, highly secret research programme being carried out in the United States.

He said that certain reports, and a statement made by a prominent American scientist, seemed to indicate that "Project Rand" had been successful—or at least, was very close to success.

All this may seem a bit far-stretched to the layman, but the scientists of CSIRO debated the matter very seriously, indeed.

BACK AT NO. 10

London, Aug. 12.

British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill returned today to his official London residence at No. 10 Downing Street for the first time since June 27, when his doctors ordered him to take a rest.

His return, which was hailed by a crowd of British and foreign tourists gathered on the pavement outside was a consequence of his announcement yesterday that he was resuming his role as the leader of the British Government.

During his visit, which lasted for several hours, Sir Winston conferred with Acting British Foreign Secretary, the Marquis of Salisbury, and other high Foreign Office officials.

It was understood that these talks related to the preparation of a reply to the Soviet notes on Austria and on a Four-Power Conference and to the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly.—France-Press.

BATHYSCOPE DIVE RECORD

Paris, Aug. 12.

The French Naval Ministry said today that the bathyscope which dived into the Mediterranean reached a depth of 1,550 metres (5,073 feet).

"A depth never before reached by men," said the Ministry.

It added that the men had been under the surface for two hours 34 minutes.

Another dive was to be made on Friday when there would be an attempt to reach 2,000 metres (6,560 feet), the Ministry added.—France-Press.

'What's His Line?' Solution

PHARMACIST

London Express Service.

Reunited With Daughter



Princess Ashraf, twin sister of the Shah of Persia, is welcomed at Zurich by her two-year-old daughter, Azade. The Princess landed from Teheran, a week after the Shah ordered her to leave. His reason: she kept her arrival in Persia a secret.—London Express.

Representatives Of 16 Nations Exchange Viewpoints

New York, Aug. 12.

Representatives of the 16 member countries of the United Nations whose troops fought in Korea were meeting in New York tonight for an exchange of views, Reuter learned authoritatively today.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, British Minister of State, lunched today with M. Maurice Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, and M. Henri Hopponot, France's permanent delegate to the United Nations.

Both ministers arrived in New York yesterday to attend the special Assembly meeting on Monday to deal with the Korean question.

A source close to the 16-nation group said that the meeting tonight would be held in the suite of Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, the United States' delegate to the United Nations, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

The group, it was said, proposed to work out "concrete plans" to submit to the special General Assembly on Monday. A resolution was also being prepared, the source said.

The Security Council to approve the report to the General Assembly meeting opening on September 15 was being held today.

It was the first occasion that the Big Four had sat down together since the election of the Secretary-General at the previous closed meeting of the Council met in March.

The report contains only a review of the past year's events in the United Nations, including the problem of Korean rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Before today's Security Council meeting, Mr Gladwyn Jebb, Britain, and Mr Lodge had lunch together in the delegates' dining room—Reuter.

DULLES' ATTITUDE

Washington, Aug. 12.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, said today that the United Nations General Assembly meeting next week should define its agenda to discussion of the report of the United Nations Command on the Korean Armistice Agreement and should not discuss the question of the admission of Communist China to the United Nations.

Mr Dulles pointed out at his weekly press conference that the armistice agreement recommended that the governments of the two sides should get together in a political conference within 90 days of the signing of an armistice.

Mr Dulles said the question of who should be the representatives of the United Nations side had been referred to the

Use Of Word "Bank" Brings \$10,000 Fine Or Six Months

A fine of \$10,000 or six months was imposed on two men found guilty by Judge W. A. Blair-Kerr at the Victoria District Court this morning of using the word "Bank" while carrying on a business.

The accused, Lam Ming-yin, alias Lam Sau-shan, alias Yuen Yick-lam, and Lau Kam-long, were found not guilty of the charge of carrying on a banking business other than by a company.

Driving Summons Dismissed

A summons against an Army driver, Signalmen J. Carey, for careless driving, was dismissed by Mr Thomas Tam in Central Court this morning. Carey, driving an Morris Commercial, had come into collision with a Hillman driven by Mr E. R. Child, JP on Stubbs Road at about 8.45 on the morning of June 8.

Mr Child, the first and only witness for the Prosecution, testified that he had rounded the right-hand bend coming down Stubbs Road, passed a large Army truck coming up and had been unable to avoid a collision with the Morris driven by defendant, which had been behind the truck.

The defendant's vehicle, he said, had been over the crown of the road.

The defendant was then questioned by the Police Prosecutor, SI Collins. He said that he had been travelling at about 15 miles per hour when he saw the large Army truck and had not been over the crown of the road.

He had been about two feet from the curb, he said, to avoid pedestrians, but the road, in his estimate, was 20 feet wide and his truck only 8'9".

The Hillman driven by Mr Child had, in his opinion, swerved first to avoid the large Army truck, and then back to avoid the stone wall which was on his right. In answering back, he said, Mr Child had crossed the crown of the road and thus come into collision with the Morris Commercial which he was driving.

Mr Child's car, he said, had finally stopped facing the wall of Stubbs Road on Mr Child's side, about a foot from it.

DEFENCE WITNESS

L/C J. Cowie, witness for the defence, then testified. He had been sitting on Carey's left at the time of the accident, he said. When first he saw Mr Child's Hillman, it had just avoided the rear of the large Army truck and was about two feet over the crown of the road. Carey's vehicle was then about 10-15 yards behind the Army truck, about two feet from the curb. It had drawn out to avoid pedestrians with poles carrying loads.

Mr Tam, summing up, said that it seemed to him that the collision had taken place somewhere in the centre of the road, but it was difficult to say who was wrong and who was right. It seemed to him possible that both vehicles could have been at fault. He said that the evidence of the witness for the defence, L/C Cowie, had seemed very sound even taking in the fact that Cowie was Carey's friend and would therefore be likely to back him up. With these factors taken into consideration he was prepared to give Carey the benefit of the doubt and dismiss the summons.

Mr R. W. S. Winter defended the first accused, instructed by Mr Alfred Y. Hon. The second accused was represented by Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr Francis Wong.

Mr D. F. O'Reilly-Mayne, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector A. Clough of the Commercial Crime Branch.

The accused were alleged to have carried on an illegal banking business at 10 Des Voeux Road West.

The charges alleged that on divers dates between March 28 and April 25, 1953, the accused, not being a company within the meaning of the Banking Ordinance, transacted a banking business; and that during the same period the accused, not being a company licensed to carry on a banking business, used the word "bank" in the name under which the business was carried on.

Judge Blair-Kerr gave his decision after hearing submissions by Counsel this morning.

The accused had been on bail of \$5,000 each.

Macao Ships Stay In Port

The regular Hongkong-Macao run was interrupted this morning due to the typhoon threat.

The mv Lee Hong and the mv Tai Loy, normally due here at around 6 and 7 a.m., did not leave Macao for Hong Kong today after learning that the No. 7 Signal had been hoisted shortly after midnight.

Another Hongkong-Macao ship the Takahung will leave as usual at midnight unless there is a serious change in the weather.

Radio Hongkong

6. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.02, Accent on Rhythm; 6.30, Fortunes; 6.45, Half Hour; 7.00, Country Fare; 7.10, Down Memory Lane; 7.15, presented by Alison Wilson (Studio); 7.30, Weather Report; 8. Time Signal; 8.15, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 8.30, Short Stories by H. H. H. (Violin); 8.35, Educational; 8.40, with Peter Brough and Archie Andrews (BBC); 8.45, Sports Review by Eric Young (Studio); 9.15, At the Opera—Scenes from Wagner's Lohengrin; 9.30, Music of the Twentieth Century; 10.45, Ron Goodwin and his Orchestra, with vocal by Dick James; 10.50, Weather Report; 11. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save the Queen; 11.30, Close down.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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